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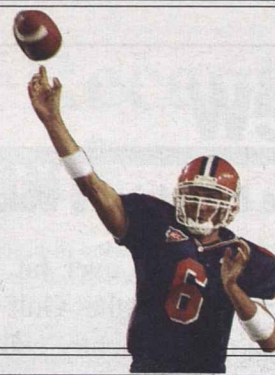
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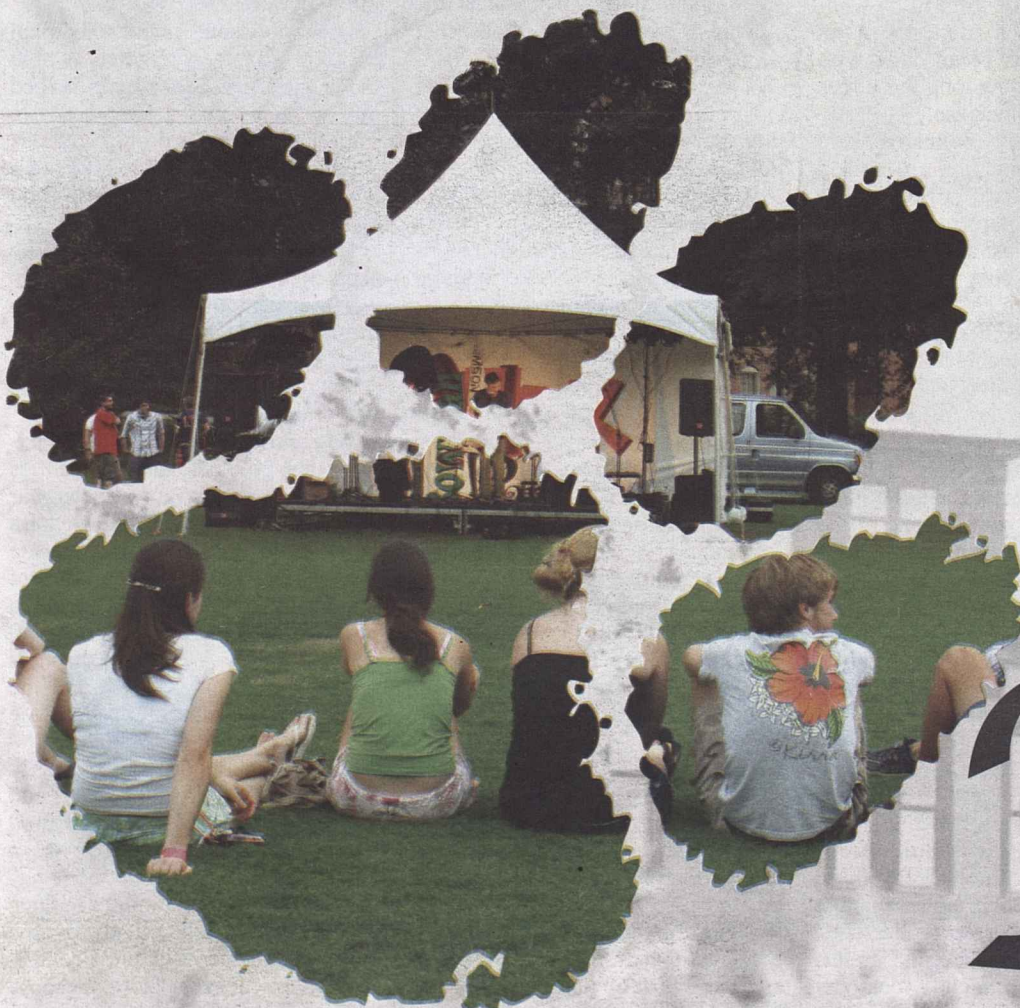
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TIMEOUT



Read Timeout's coverage of the Bowman Block Party. Local band The Elegance was one of the bands that played last Monday. **D1**

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Sunny



**92°
68°**

SATURDAY: Sunny
Hi **89** Lo **64**

SUNDAY: Mostly Sunny
Hi **86** Lo **65**

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NationalView

Gulf suffers extensive damage in Katrina's wake

The fourth recorded Category 5 hurricane to ever hit the U.S., Katrina's exhaustive damage has left the Gulf of Mexico straining for help and the rest of the country calling for fuel. President Bush called the storm "One of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history," according to CNN. Mobilization of 10,000 National Guard troops was ordered Wednesday by officials in Louisiana and Mississippi to aid in the recovery of victims in the two states, where the death toll is expected to reach into the thousands. Evacuation of victims began Wednesday, starting with the approximately 30,000 people finding shelter in the Louisiana Superdome, running on limited power and no air conditioning. Victims in the Superdome and other shelters around the city were transported to the Houston Astrodome. With conditions expected to get worse before they get better, the Bush Administration issued a health issue concerning the spread of diseases like Cholera and Typhoid, according to CNN. After viewing the devastation, President Bush told CNN, "This recovery will take years."

GlobalPerspective

Bomb scare chaos leaves 965 dead in Baghdad

Wednesday saw the return of faithful Shiites who flock annually to Baghdad for a pilgrimage to the Kaldhimiya mosque in remembrance of the martyr Imam Moussa al-Khadhem. Tension already high in response to the Iraqi war ignited into chaos when a rumor of a suicide bomber filtered through the crowd. Panic ensued in the crowd as the pilgrims made their way over the Al-A'imma bridge over the Tigris River. According to CNN, people fled to the edges of the bridge, causing it to collapse into the river. Iraqi police told CNN that most of the 965 victims drowned, but some were crushed to death. A three-day mourning period issued by Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari will end Saturday.

Improvements in ozone layer excite scientists

U.S. scientists reported Tuesday that the international agreement to limit production of chemicals that are known to destroy the ozone layer has made a significant difference. According to the scientists, the ozone layer has stopped shrinking, but will take continued efforts to repair the damage. Largely credited by scientists as the catalyst for the ozone improvements is the Montreal Protocol, put into effect in 1987 by at least 180 nations. This protocol set limitations for gases containing chlorine and bromine. This is good news to Conrad Lautenbacher who works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Lautenbacher told CNN that though successes have been achieved, methane levels, water vapor and temperature will continue to affect the ozone. Also according to Lautenbacher, even if all the chlorine compounds (major culprits of ozone destruction) were depleted, "it is unlikely that the ozone levels will stabilize at the same levels."

NewsByNumbers

18

percentage of American workers that call in sick on Friday

100

million number of phone conversations going on in the U.S. at any one time

2,071

number of coalition deaths in the Iraqi war as of Aug. 31

Tigers drop in rankings

Clemson slips two spots in U.S. News & World Report rankings.

JOHN LUPTON
Staff Writer

Clemson's goal of becoming a Top-20 public university, which the school had been steadily approaching for the past five years, is beginning to prove itself more difficult. U.S. News & World Report published its 2006 rankings last week, dropping the Tigers from 32 to 34.

Since 1999 President Barker has made achieving Top-20 status a top priority for the University, using seven of U.S. News & World Report's criteria and 20 others, approved by the Board of Trustees in 2001 as guidelines.

U.S. News & World Report's criteria include things like student selectivity, faculty salary, graduation and retention rates, per-student spending and a peer assessment by other universities.

Barker said that the slip is not as much of a setback as it may seem, citing Clemson's jump of more than 40 places in the last five years.

"We are making progress because we are focused on these things," he said. "Overall I'm very happy. We feel like the momentum is clearly there. It's really hard to be disappointed when you see the progress we're making."

Barker said that a lack of improvement in the peer assessment may have been part of the reason for the drop. He emphasized that the University had actually improved in almost all of the other

categories it considers and that it is possible that some other schools just out-performed Clemson this year.

Senior economics major Graham Smith shared Barker's optimism. "The actual raw number doesn't really matter too much," he said.

"You have to look at a few-year trend. All and all I think we're headed in the right direction."

Junior management major Jessica Cassell doubted the importance of the recent publication altogether. "I don't think two spots really matters," she said.

"If you want to go to Clemson, you're not going to base it on a ranking."

A concern that would affect a student's desire to go to Clemson is the ever-increasing tuition, which leapt up another 12.4 percent this year. Barker said this was due to the \$45 million loss in state funding over the past three years.

"Tuition increase has always been driven by state support," he

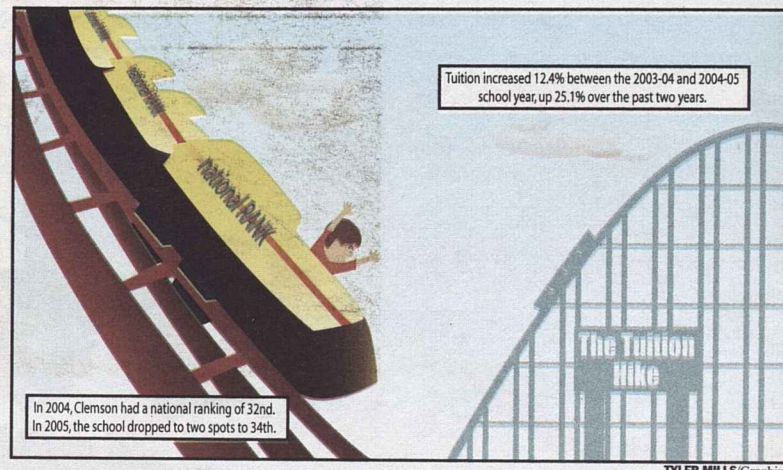
said. But to some the tendency is disconcerting.

"The danger is that high quality education to students in the state may be sacrificed," said Director of Policy Research at the Education Trust Kevin Carey. "If you look overall (rankings) tend to be judged on admissions selectivity and peer survey. Neither of those things in my mind really have to do with the education of students, particularly the undergraduates."

Carey said of the school's goal to become a top twenty school, "Clemson is a public university, which has a much greater obligation (than private institutions) to maintain quality but also access to families in South Carolina. I question how you do that without shutting out some of the middle and lower income families."

Barker said that helping the state was exactly why he chose this goal as his ten-year plan, citing higher

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Tuition continues to rise

Students are paying 12.4 percent more in tuition fees this academic year.

TIFFANY VOSS
Staff Writer

At Clemson University, students spend more money every year on their escalating tuition fees. Parents and students alike seem to be wondering how much more the costs will rise, what is being done with the money, and how long these fees will continue to increase.

Both parties' concerns are quite understandable. Clemson University's Board of Trustees approved a 12.7 percent general fee increase for the last academic year.

This year, the cost was increased again by 12.4 percent. The increase will generate \$16.6 million, while not all of this is technically needed.

Only \$7.6 million needs to be generated to cover inflation and other mandatory cost increases. There are many reasons for the growth in tuition fees, but the main culprit is the drive to be one of the nation's top public universities. When questioned about fee increases, Clemson President James F. Barker said, "We must maintain our commitment to improving the quality of a Clemson education and giving South Carolina a top-tier research university."

Barker wants Clemson to be one of U.S. News & World Report Top-20 public universities, but attaining this goal is not cheap. In order for Clemson to become one of these prestigious schools, students must be in smaller classes where they are more likely to learn and graduate on time. More faculty members must be hired, and more classrooms must be built.

Other expenses that the extra income may cover are inflation and state budget cuts. Also, the hiring of more faculty members results not only in more one-on-one attention for students, but it should also increase scholarship funding, says Clemson News.

Clemson University's top priority is to maintain the current funding for educational and general programs. Support for research continues to increase, but the funding for basic academic programs is actually declining.

Clemson continues to lose some of its state education and general funding, but the loss of this extra income is being made up in other areas, even at the expense of the students. Barker says that other people besides students face financial issues. Both internal budget cuts and the deletion of some faculty and staff positions have been implemented.

If Clemson does become a Top-20 university, studies show that the students should receive higher starting salaries and have better odds of getting into their choice of graduate programs.

South Carolinians, not just students and alumni of Clemson, should also benefit from the school's productivity. This general community would switch to a more knowledge-based economy which, in turn, may open up more jobs for residents.

Even more good news comes courtesy of the LIFE Scholarship and increased student aid. Barker says it is likely that no freshman from South Carolina will pay full tuition this fall. Since the LIFE Scholarship was established, Clemson's first-year students have raised the average SAT score for Clemson freshmen from 1128 to 1205 since 1996. Clemson's own Web site states that, "42 percent of the most recent class of Clemson freshmen graduated in the top ten percent of their high school class, and more than 68 percent graduated in the top 20 percent."

This is great news for high-achieving South Carolinians, but bad for those unable to attain the LIFE Scholarship, qualify for financial aid or who wish to attend Clemson from out of state.

The average cost for a South Carolina resident to attend Clemson University is \$15,500 a year.

Non-South Carolina residents are charged more than \$25,000. These numbers are estimates and do not cover the laptop fee and other personal expenses, which may add on an extra three to four thousand dollars. USA Today says that textbook prices have gone up 186 percent since 1986. Inflation is not to blame, for this growth turns out to be more than double the overall inflation rate.

Drew Dodson, senior electrical engineering major, remembers how much the LIFE Scholarship helped him when he was a freshman. He said that it covered most of his expenses. He only had to take out a thousand dollars worth of loans and a little bit of his savings.

Now that he is a senior, he accrues more than \$3,000 dollars worth of debt each semester due to the lack of funding from LIFE, he said. Dodson manages to keep his scholarship, but it is not keeping up with the increase in tuition.

As mentioned, the cost of attending other colleges and universities grows more and more each year as well. For instance, the Georgia Institute of Technology's Web site claims that an out-of-state student living on campus can expect to pay almost \$28,000 for one year, and Furman's Web site displays the price of about \$31,000. For the University of South Carolina, the cost of an out-of-state student living on campus tallies up to nearly \$25,000 a year, including books and supplies, tuition and fees and food and housing.

Many factors add to the ever-increasing cost of attaining a college education. Schools all across the nation share many of the financial issues that Clemson faces. Because of this, students must compete now more than every, both academically and financially, in order to get the education they desire. More students wish to attend college, and more colleges want the best and brightest students.

For these reasons, tuition fees should be expected to continually increase.

Campus provides facilities for students

From fitness to academic success, students can access a variety of services.

JULIE LEDBETTER
News Editor

Fike Recreation Center:

Whether you enjoy lifting weights, aerobics, swimming or playing team sports, Fike Recreation Center has something for everyone.

Fike offers a variety of fitness and athletic options. Full-time students are automatically enrolled in Fike, and part-time students can get a membership for \$100 per year.

Members are allowed to have guests join them at the gym by purchasing a guest pass for \$6. Only two guest passes can be purchased per day.

Fike provides members with daily lockers for free, and members can rent full and half lockers per semester or year.

The fitness atrium of Fike features strength and resistance training machines, elliptical machines, treadmills, free weights and plate-loaded stations.

Members have access to six gymnasium courts for basketball and volleyball, eight racquetball and two squash courts, and multipurpose rooms with mats and mirrored walls. Located above the basketball courts is a 200-yard track for walking or running.

These facilities are open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to midnight. Weekend hours differ, with Fike open from 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday and from 1 p.m. to midnight Sunday.

The fitness center also features a 35-foot high, 60-foot wide climbing wall. Members can receive instruction or rent equipment for climbing. The climbing wall is available for use Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Fike also houses McHugh Natatorium, which features an eight-lane lap pool and a 13.5-foot diving pool. The pool is available for recreation use Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 and 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Located downstairs is a fitness studio with hardwood floors, mirrored walls and a sound system for aerobics.

Outside the fitness center are tennis courts, sand volleyball courts and recreational sports facilities for member use as well.

Besides fitness equipment and facilities, Fike offers a variety of programs as well.

If you are new to the gym, Fike offers a free fitness atrium equipment orientation. You will be shown how to correctly operate the equipment by trained guides.

A registered dietitian is available for nutrition consultations, and life-guard training is also available.

Fike offers more than 40 fitness classes per week. Not all of the classes are free so check with the office for the price of each. Students can also participate in fall or spring intramural sports or one of 45 club sports. Students can register for intramural sports online as a team or a free agent, and team fees vary.

Redfern Health Center:

All full-time students at Clemson pay a \$110 per semester health fee, which provides unlimited access to physicians, nurse practitioners and other various services offered by the on-campus health care facility, Redfern Health Center.

Redfern has the Joint Commission gold standard of accreditation for healthcare in the United States. It is one of only 26 student healthcare facilities in the United States with this accreditation and the only one in South Carolina.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Health Education and Alcohol and Drug Education as

well as Medical Services are the three main departments of Redfern Health Center.

The Medical Services department offers students primary health care with physicians, nurse practitioners and nurses on hand to handle the needs of college students specifically.

"We want you to think of us as your family doctor," said Sandra Smith, assistant director of Redfern.



SHOOTING HOOPS: Fike offers students access to six gymnasium courts for basketball or volleyball. Located just above the courts is a 200-yard track. All of Fike's services are provided at no cost to full-time students.

Students can receive full X-rays, lab services or purchase medications from the full retail pharmacy. If students receive these services they will have to pay a co-pay. The charge for lab work is \$7; X-rays may range from \$35 to \$110.

Students will also have to pay for medicines prescribed by the physician or nurse.

While making an appointment is the fastest way to get into Redfern, said Smith, a walk-in nurses' clinic is available for students with an immediate or sudden problem that cannot wait for an appointment.

A women's clinic is included in the Medical Services department. This clinic offers women gynecological care, birth control and the morning-after pill.

CAPS offers students the opportunity to receive counseling on relationships, roommate problems, depression or mental health issues.

Included in the health care fee is 10 sessions per semester with a counselor.

A part-time psychiatrist is at Redfern once a week to counsel students. Unlike the rest of the services, students need a referral and must pay separately.

Located downstairs in the Redfern building is the health education office. Students can visit with a health educator, pick up pamphlets and get referrals.

"We're offering, for the most part, walk-in services," said Health Educator Kathy Cauthen.

The health educators do various outreach programs including CU Quit, a program directed towards a smoke-free campus, Sexual Responsibility Week and National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. The office also provides free and confidential HIV testing.

Redfern is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but students can call the Nurse Line at (888) 525-1333 after hours.

Michelin Career Center:

After graduation plans are a concern for most college students, but the Michelin Career Center helps students not only look for the right career path, but decide on a major, find internships and write resumes.

At the Career Center, students can receive career and major

counseling, resume critiques, mock interviews and internship and graduate school assistance.

The Career Center also offers recruiting services through career fairs and CareerNet, an online system that provides information about internships and full and part-time jobs.

The Ask-a-Tiger Network is a database of alumni volunteers for students and other alumni to search for these volunteers to talk about

to 4:30 p.m. with extended hours on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Academic Success Center:

Beginning college is hard for everyone, but the Academic Success Center (ASC) provides students with resources to help them be successful in college classes.

Sunday through Thursday, ASC offers walk-in tutoring from trained peer tutors for specific courses. Supplemental Instruction (SI) is provided for students who are in

students.

Students can also meet one-on-one with an academic counselor who will help them with issues such as time management, writing skills, faculty relations and test preparation.

For students in freshman-and-sophomore level math science course, drop-in tutoring is available in Cooper Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

ASC also offers a variety of free academic skills workshops including tips on effective note-taking, memory techniques, time management and speed-reading.

ASC is located on the third level of Cooper Library.

Cooper Library:

Cooper Library is more than just books.

A DCIT computer lab is on level five with 108 DCIT computers as well as a Computer Help Desk.

On level five, students can also print at no cost and use any one of the three scanners.

Located on level four is the circulation desk where students can check out one of 40 laptops. Laptops must remain in the library and can be kept at no cost for two hours; after two hours, students will be charged 10 cents per minute.

All floors of the library have a wireless connection.

Students can also rent study rooms with an ID for two hours. There must be two or more students to check out a room.

The circulation desk is also where students check out books. Students are charged a 25 cent-per-day fee for late books.

Students can eat or drink on any floor of the library, pizza can be delivered to the library and snacks are available from Java City, Snax and Stax Convenience Store or from vending machines located on levels two and four.

Avoid Parking Mishaps: Start the Year Off Right

Remember all of the Parking Regulations for Football Games as Clemson Kicks Off it's First Game Saturday:

1. No parking on grass
(except in designated IPTAY lots)

2. Move cars from Reserved lots (R-2, R-3, 'tiger paw' spot in R-1, etc) 12 hours before kick off
Cars may be moved to:

- P-1 (next to Kite-Hill, across from Fire Dept.)
- Kite Hill
- Fran hanson Discovery Center

KEEP IN MIND: many of our lots are reserved during home games. However, there are plenty of spaces available for you to park around campus. IPTAY is providing CAT transportation to some of these locations.



PLEASE LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF SHUTTLE SCHEDULES AND RESERVED/AVAILABLE LOTS FOR HOME GAMES
www.stuaff.clemson.edu/parking/

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Loans aid students

Financial aid helps students find ways to pay for college expenses.

MEGAN BOYCE
Staff Writer

Every year students find themselves needing money for college, and they do not always know where to start.

Financial aid offices on campuses across America are flooded with questions, and students wait in line for answers. Sometimes finding the money for college is harder than actually graduating.

Although it is stressful, the results are worth the wait. Marvin Carmichael, the director of student financial aid here at Clemson has a few tips on how to lessen the stress.

The most important thing Carmichael wants all students to know is that planning is the key. Pre-college financial planning is helpful once you get to college. As students, you have no control over what your parents do with their money, but if they can help you plan your financial future, you already have your foot in the door.

Students can plan for future semesters by filling out the FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid, by April 1.

The FAFSA is for need-based aid and even if you think your parents make too much money, there are circumstances that will allow you to receive federal aid.

Students at Clemson who fill out the FAFSA and receive aid can get a Federal Stafford Loan, which is not necessarily based on need. A Federal Stafford loan is a low-interest loan provided by lending institutions, according to the financial aid website.

Federal Perkins loans are also need-based, and students who fill out the FAFSA by April 1 are given priority for them.

The amount of money available from federal programs is limited, and other types of loans or another money source will be needed.

Another option is an alternative loan. Alternative loans are loans given by private companies.

In the last few years, Carmichael has seen an increase in students using alternative loans. Carmichael said he is worried about the level of indebtedness students and families are putting themselves in with these loans. However, they leave students with many options.

According to the financial aid web site, alternative loans help to "bridge the gap between the cost of education and the limited amount of funds available through federal programs."

Alternative loans allow you to borrow enough money to cover the rest of your tuition. Students should be aware of the interest rates of any alternative loans that they receive. More often than not you will also need a cosigner since most 18-year-olds do not have any credit.

These alternative loans must be paid back six months after you graduate from college or six months after you stop attending college.

Attaining an alternative loan is relatively easy. Students can access any bank or private loan company online and fill out an application for a loan.

If you are approved you can print out the promissory note and mail or fax it to the address the web site gives you. Once the bank receives the promissory note, they will send the money straight to Clemson.

There is also the Federal Parent (PLUS) loan. This is a loan that is for parents to borrow for their student. These loans must be paid back immediately after borrowing. Carmichael said he is concerned with parents borrowing too much money for their children, but these loans are also helpful.

Another way to help in paying your tuition is to work. The Federal Work-Study program exists to provide jobs for students who have established financial need by way of the FAFSA. Students need to reapply annually, according to the financial aid web site.

Similar to the work-study program is America Reads, a federal literacy program. With this program, students can tutor elementary age students in local schools.

South Carolina residents have additional options not granted to out-of-state students. There are scholarships for which you can apply during high school and pay for almost everything. Once you receive these scholarships, you need to maintain your grades in order to keep it.

Out-of-state students can apply for residency if they meet the requirements listed on the financial aid web site.

If you do receive aid or have loans, you need to watch your lifestyles, Carmichael said. You should utilize on-campus recreational facilities, get a meal plan included in your tuition and minimize the amount of money you borrow.

"Don't borrow more than you absolutely need, but don't be afraid to borrow so that you do not have to worry about every meal," Carmichael said.

For any additional information you need you can go to the financial aid web site, call the financial aid office at 656-2280 or go to the financial aid office in Sikes Hall.

Weekend's events honor military

Clemson celebrates Military Appreciation Day Saturday at first football game.

JULIE LEDBETTER
News Editor

Saturday's game against Texas A&M will not only be the first game of the season, but it will also be Military Appreciation Day. Since both schools have a strong military tradition, said Colonel Lance Young, this is the perfect game for the event.

The celebration will begin on Friday with the First Friday Parade, which has the theme of "Troopin' Through Tiger Town for Over 100 Years." Clemson Senior Alumni Platoon will be grand marshals for the event.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the South Carolina National Guard will display Air Force and Army equipment on Bowman Field.

Military veterans, active military, Reserves and the National Guard will join the Tiger Band for a concert

in the outdoor amphitheater.

At the beginning of the game, the South Carolina National Guard will fly four F-16s over the field.

During halftime, families of fallen soldiers from South Carolina and Texas A&M will be introduced. On the big screen will be a Scroll of Honor to recognize the fallen soldiers.

The families will then be escorted by cadets from the Tiger Platoon and the Senior Platoon to Howard's Rock where they will place a wreath on it in memory of fallen soldiers.

A video of the 60th anniversary of the V-J Day ceremony in Hawaii will be shown followed by a 21-gun salute from the football practice field.

Cadet Wing Commander Gil Wyche said that regardless of your political beliefs, it is important to recognize the military. "It's nice to honor the military since we are at war now," he said.

Colonel Young agreed, "We want to honor our brave men and women."

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IN THE BOOKS

Campus Arrests

The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University police department from Wednesday, August 22 to Wednesday, August 31.

Aug. 23

3:08 a.m., Richard Schwartz and Micah Talbot, public disorderly conduct: drunk, P.O. Service Rd., officer: Salisbury

Aug. 27

3:27 a.m., Jeremy Mains, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Cope, officer: Salisbury

3:30 a.m., Davario Dawkins, simple possession of marijuana, Calhoun Courts, officer: Howard

Aug. 28

2:33 a.m., Miguel Reyes, DUI, Hwy. 93, officer: Reidenbach

3:54 a.m., Bradley Lanford, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Byrnes, officer: Salisbury

Aug. 31

2:33 a.m., Charles Taylor, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Martin Hall, officer: Reidenbach



Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to from Wednesday, August 22, to Wednesday, August 31, 2004.

Aug. 20

11:32 p.m., 6 minors in possession, Donaldson, officer: Cheeks

12:04 a.m., 2 minors in possession, Bradley, officer: Cheeks

Aug. 21

3:09 p.m., burglary, damage, Daniel Hall, officer: Cheeks

1:24 a.m., 2 minors in possession, Benet, officer: Hughes

2:32 a.m., minor in possession, Bowen, officer: Hughey

2:33 a.m., 3 minors in possession, Calhoun Courts, officer: Hughes

Aug. 23

5:23 p.m., damage to vehicle, Library, officer: Schutt

11:34 p.m., minor in possession, Byrnes, officer: Reidenbach

Aug. 24

8:32 p.m., minor in possession, Bradley, officer: Schutt

9:40 p.m., minor in possession, Johnstone A, officer: Schutt

12:45 a.m., minor in possession, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Howard

Aug. 25

3:02 a.m., minor in possession, Wannamaker, officer: Howard

4:24 a.m., public disorderly conduct, Klugh Ave., officer: Steward

10:43 a.m., damage to vehicle, R-3, officer: McGill

10:27 a.m., simple larceny, Lee Hall, officer: Demaio

Officer Tracker

★ 5 arrests
★ 1 arrest

These are the running tallies of each officer's arrests since August 20, 2005.

Howard ★
Hughes
Hughey
McGill

Reidenbach ★★
Salisbury ★★★
Schutt
Simpson

S.C. laws strict for holiday

Police department provides advice to students for a safe Labor Day weekend.

LATRICE LARY
Staff Writer

Labor Day 2005 is approaching yet again, on Sept. 5. Along with this holiday comes drinking, partying and possibly trouble for some people.

During Labor Day weekend last year, there were reportedly five automobile accidents in the Clemson area and eight public disorderly conduct arrests made.

A few simple guidelines could save lives and help keep trouble at bay this year.

• Do not drink and drive. According to South Carolina DUI Laws, if you are convicted of a first offense DUI in South Carolina, you are subject to a fine of \$400 or imprisonment terms which can last from a minimum of 48 hours to a maximum of 3 days.

However, judges have the discretion to impose sentences of 48 hours of public service in place of 48 hours in jail. In order to retain his or her license after a DUI conviction, a person must obtain SR-22 insurance for a period of three years.

If a person is convicted of fel-

ony DUI for causing great bodily harm to another individual, he or she is subject to a mandatory fine of at least \$5,000.

However, a judge has the discretion to impose a fine up to \$10,000. In addition, there is a mandatory imprisonment of at least 30 days with a maximum time of 15 years.

If a person is convicted of felony DUI and has caused the death of another individual he or she is subject to a mandatory fine between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Additionally, that person must be imprisoned for at least one year and could be sentenced to 25 years in prison.

• Do not drink if you are under the age of 21. According to the Alcohol Consumption by Youth in South Carolina, underage drinking cost the citizens of South Carolina \$837 million in 2001.

These costs include medical care, work loss and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.

Approximately 182,000 underage youth in South Carolina consume alcohol each year. South Carolina is the 32nd highest among the 50 states for the cost per youth for underage drinking.

However, Clemson students are engaging less high-risk drinking, according to the results of

the 2005 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey.

Clemson's binge drinking rates were below the reference group of students from other universities across the nation that took the survey.

Forty-eight percent of those students reported binge drinking during the two weeks prior to the survey, while 46 percent of Clemson students reported binge drinking.

Clemson's results were down from last year's 64 percent. The Core Institute, which administers the survey, defines a "binge" as consuming five or more drinks in one sitting.

Clemson's Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force and the Clemson Community Coalition have organized efforts to decrease high-risk drinking on and off campus.

Their initiatives include sending booklets to parents to help them talk to their students about drinking, changing parental notification policies so that parents are notified after their students' first alcohol offense, more communication with off-campus law enforcement officials when Clemson students are arrested off campus for alcohol violations, increased training for residence assistants in campus housing and outreach to educate fraternity and sorority members about high-risk drinking.

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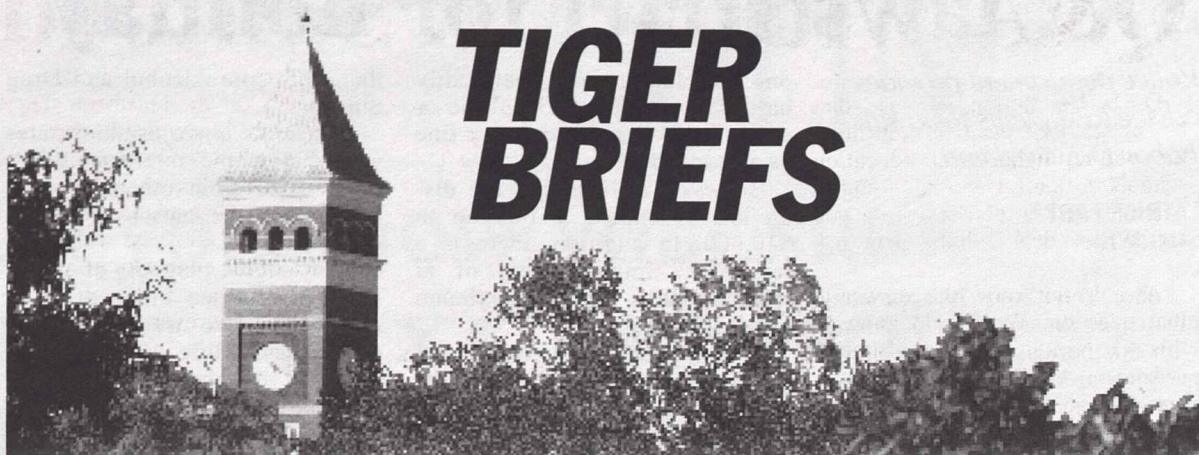
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Katrina strains gas flow to Southeast

Hurricane Katrina's impact reaches further than just the states devastated by torrential rain, winds and flooding. One-fourth of U.S.-consumed petroleum is supplied from the Gulf of Mexico and 40 percent of the nation's refining abilities are based in the states affected by Katrina. At least 9 of those refineries had to shut down or reduce operations, according to Columbia's WIS-TV. The hurricane caused damage to two pipelines carrying fuel to S.C. Monday, causing limited gas availability and causing the price per gallon to soar by 30 cents in some areas. By Wednesday some gas stations in Atlanta, Greenville, Anderson and Clemson had run out of gas. Those that still had a supply did

not expect to last for more than 36 hours. S.C. Petroleum Marketers Association told WIS-TV that Colonial Pipeline was working hard to restore their pipeline -- a major source of fuel for the state. By Saturday they hope to have 50 to 60 percent of its normal capacity restored. SC Governor Mark Sanford told WIS-TV that it is important for people not to panic. There are two things being done in reaction to gas limitations -- according to Sanford: government agencies are being asked to cut non-essential travel and the state is working with the gas industry and with the federal government to find ways to continue gas flow into the state. According to CNN, President Bush has approved the opening of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in response to the limited gas availability across the nation.

Organizations on campus join to raise relief funds

Tiger Brotherhood, one of Clemson's service fraternities, is hosting a relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Together with the Student Alumni Council, IPTAY and Student Government, Tiger Brotherhood will be setting up tables across campus to take monetary donations starting in the coming weeks. If interested, more information can be found by emailing Tiger Brotherhood at tigbro@clemson.edu

CUPD investigates costly break-in on campus

Campus police are currently investigating a break-in at Daniel Hall that left five "smart" classrooms vandalized of expensive property. CUPD

was first notified of the break-in around 3 p.m. on Aug. 21 when a staff member reported that an external door to Daniel had been left unlocked -- a door that another staff member said was locked Friday afternoon. Inside, door panels to classrooms 201, 203, 209, 211 and 214 were kicked in and the ceiling tiles were found to have extensive damage. Not to mention two flat-panel monitors, two projectors, a DVD player and an IBM computer were all missing. CUPD is asking for anyone with information that could provide a lead into the investigation to contact them at 656-2222.

New director named for Clemson School of Nursing

Rosanne H. Pruitt, a faculty member of Clemson's School of Nursing for 16 years, has been named director of the school. For the past ten years Pruitt has served as the graduate coordinator and most recently she has served as interim director during the national search for a replacement director. Pruitt, who says she looks forward to strengthening Clemson's Nursing Program, is "well equipped to move the School of Nursing forward in its quest to achieve a higher level of distinction," according to Larry Allen, Dean of Clemson's College of Health, Education and Human Development. Currently the school is working on continuing their drive to attract minorities and men and developing a doctoral program in nursing.

Clemson hosts concert for Niger hunger awareness

Mamar Kassey -- an eight member traditional African music troupe from Niger -- will

perform at a concert hosted by the Clemson Language Department, Gantt Intercultural Center, the African/Caribbean Student Association and Graduate Student Government. Each member of the troupe represents each of the eight ethnic groups in Niger. The show, which will feature West African music played on traditional instruments such as the calabash drum, will be held Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Brooks Center for Performing Arts. The show is free and voluntary donations will be collected at the end of the show. Monetary donations can also be mailed to Clemson's Gantt Intercultural Center/Niger Hunger Relief, 214 Hendrix Student Center, Clemson, S.C. 29634-4058. All donations will go directly to UNICEF for Niger Hunger Relief.

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per-capita income and lower crime and teen pregnancy in states with top-20 public universities.

"It gets you better jobs," he said. "Students who graduate from top-20 schools have higher graduate acceptance rates and salaries."

"We have polled South Carolina to say is this important to you and the answer nine out of ten was yes."

As far as being deterred by the setback, that is certainly not the case for Barker. He said he would be disappointed if this goal was not realized. "It seems to me we're at our best when we have some kind of mission that we're on," he said. "I think we'll get there."



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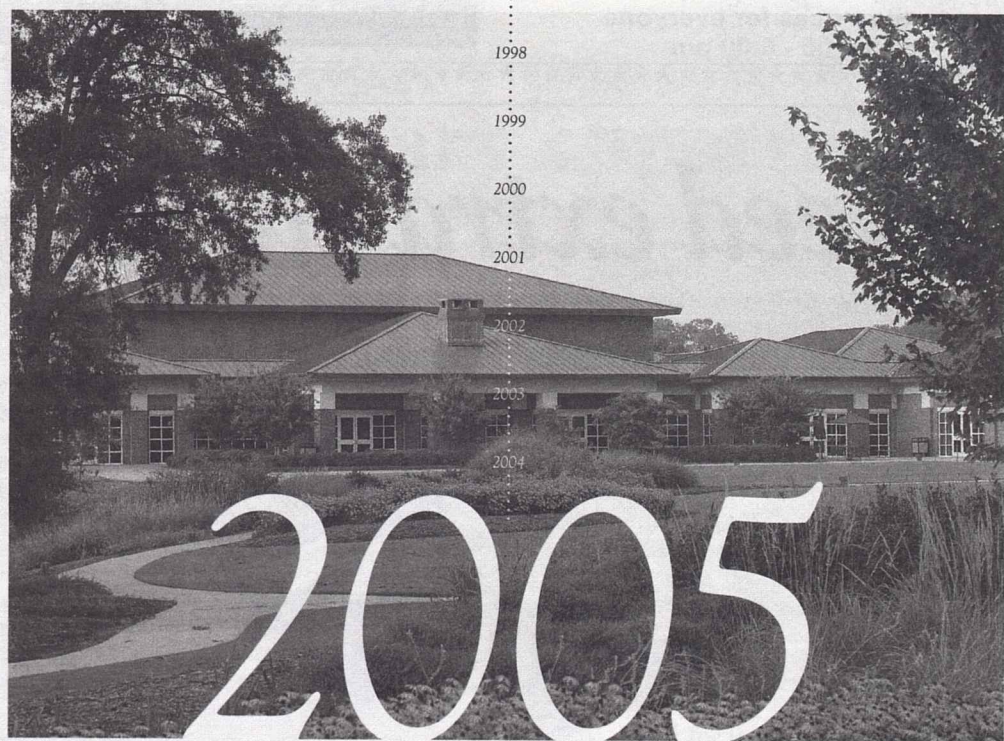
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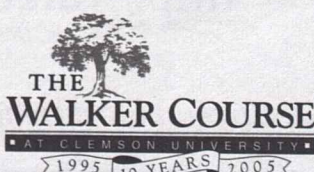
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MS: Orange ... well, Purple. I went to Furman.

Q&A with Mark Sanford

Q: Is the tuition increase that has affected Clemson, if not all of the public higher-level education schools in South Carolina, going to continue and is there anything you are doing to deal with the increase?

A: I do not know the answer to that question. What I do know is this -- Clemson is a great institution (where) a lot of good folks work very hard. Ultimately the decision is up to the Clemson trustees who go through the different degree (programs) to determine the future of the funds. But the larger sphere of higher level education in SC clearly needs some kind of reform so that both tax payers and students are protected. For instance, S.C. Sumter wanted

to become a four-year school, we vetoed that decision and our decision was over-ruled. Greenville tech

“Be hot, be cold, but don’t be lukewarm.”

MARK SANFORD
South Carolina Governor

Hwy 501) for the hurricane. There are some fairly significant transportation issues when you are talking about that number of people down on the coast when a hurricane comes on a weekend. So yes, we endorse the idea of the connector point.

Q: Have you ever googled yourself?

A: No, but I will tonight.

Q: What would you say if you met a random Clemson student out in front of Hendrix Center, what would be your defining message to them?

A: You should arrange your life based on the principles you believe in. There are a lot of unhappy people out there because they are not quite certain as to what they are about. Politics is a very strange way to spend a portion of your life so if you aren’t really concrete about who you are ... you can end up very frustrated with this process. Take the time to think about who you are, what you believe in, why you believe in it, and set in your life certain principles that you want to live by. I think life is a lot simpler if you arrange your life around certain values and principles that you believe in. Be clear about who you are, take the time to think about it and then live. Be hot, be cold, but don’t be lukewarm.

wants to build dorms for their two-year tech campus. Dorms are great, but (very costly.) What we have got to do is at some point sooner or later is to look at our overall system, and to date no one has been willing to do that.

Q: What is your position on the plans to connect the interstate I-73 from Detroit to Myrtle Beach.

A: It will certainly make the ingress and egress easier for people [visiting the area]. Their point is during the peak summer weekends (they) are one of the major cities of S.C. and yet (they) are the one of the only ones without interstate access. (State government) expressed last year when we did a lane reversal (of

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SPORTS

SECTION B

THE TIGER ■ PAGE B1

SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

Volleyballers host Big Orange Bash

Tigers will host Connecticut, Western Carolina and Kentucky this weekend.

HOKE HILL
Staff Writer

Coming off of an extremely successful season in 2004, the Clemson volleyball team is looking towards the upcoming season to improve upon their successes from last year.

Like most of the other squads in Clemson this year, the Tigers, under head coach Jolene Jordan Hoover, are looking at even stiffer competition this coming fall as the ACC shifts to a 12-team conference with the addition of Boston College.

The Tigers accomplished much in the 2004 season, reaching 20 wins for the first time in six years. Their season ended in the semifinals of the ACC tournament after an upset of undefeated regular-season champion Georgia Tech.

The Tigers will also have to work hard to replace the All-ACC duo of Lori Ashton and Leslie Finn, who each had a big impact in 2004.

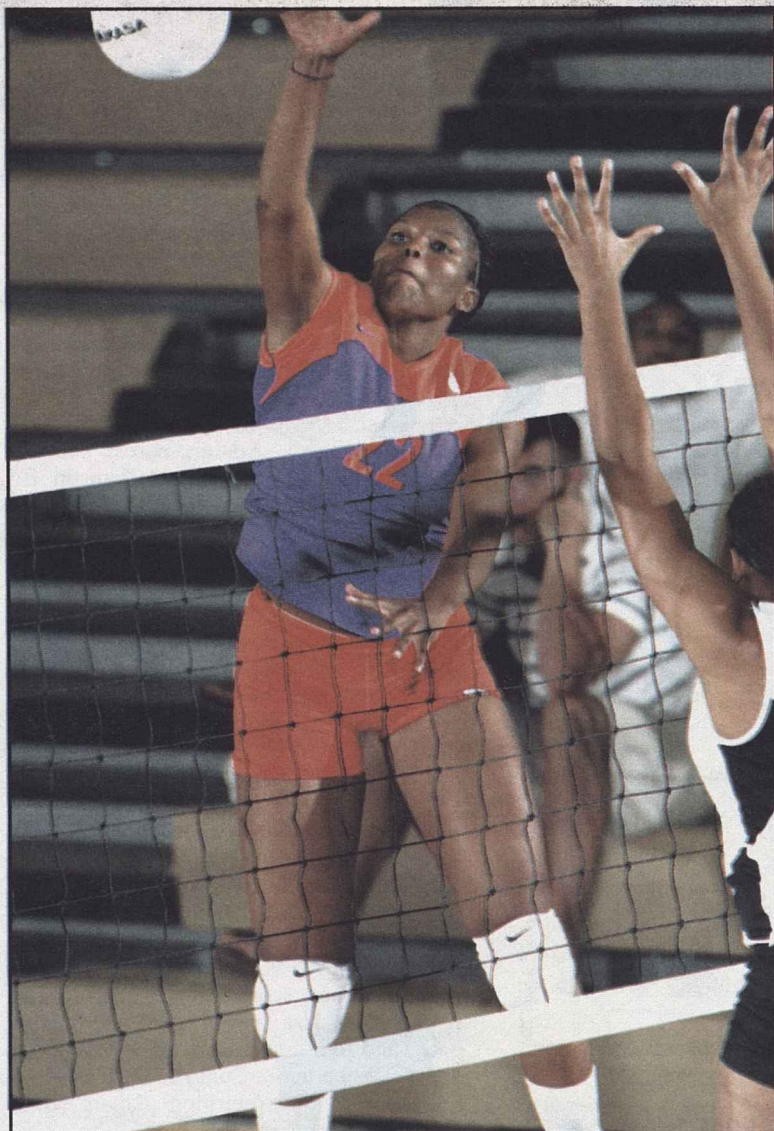
Despite the loss of some key seniors, the Tigers will be strong this season with a lineup of talented players.

The team captains, Leslie Mansfield and Meghan Stanton, will be expected to provide strong leadership on the court, especially among some young players.

Brittany Ross is a key returning outside player, named to the All-ACC freshman team in 2004.

Ross also was named a pre-season All-ACC performer this year.

Meghan Steiner and Laura Boozer will be returning in the



SOPHOMORE SPIKE: Sophomore Brittany Ross, a member of the 2004 All-ACC Freshman Team, will look to lead the Tigers to the postseason.

middle, and Anna Vallinch will be another quality returning member.

The Tigers have added several impressive freshmen this year in Jeannette Abbott, Amber Campbell, and Danielle Hepburn, and they will be looking to con-

tribute to the team early in the season.

The regular season will be more important than ever in the ACC this year, as there will be no post-season tournament to determine the league champion.

The 12 members of the conference will play each other team twice, home and away, to decide the league championship.

This puts a bigger emphasis on the ACC matches throughout the season, especially at home.

"With the scheduling changes for 2005, it will take more focus each weekend because each match will be so important in the conference standings. I really believe that winning at home will be more crucial than ever before. It is going to be new for all of us in the league," Hoover said.

The Tigers will face a grueling schedule this fall, with 22 conference games and eight tough non-conference opponents.

The schedule features four teams that reached the NCAA postseason last year. The season opens with the annual Big Orange Bash, hosted by Clemson this weekend.

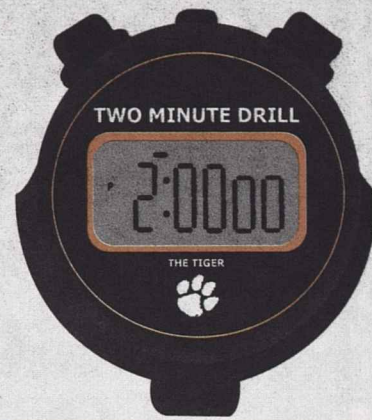
The Tigers will face Connecticut this evening at 5 p.m., and will be playing Western Carolina and Kentucky tomorrow at noon and 5 p.m., respectively.

In the Bash's history, the Tigers have a combined 37-10 record. They are 18-10 in season-opening matches in the volleyball program's history.

Clemson has opened its season at home six times in the past, emerging victorious on four of those occasions.

Following the Big Orange Bash, Clemson will travel to the University of Georgia on Sept. 7, then host the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on Sept. 13.

The team then travels to Auburn, Ala. for the Mizuno/Auburn Challenge Sept. 16 and 17 before returning home for the start of the ACC season against Wake Forest on Sept. 22. All home games will be played in Jervey Gymnasium.



TIGER SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 9/2

Volleyball vs. UConn — Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

Women's Track at Gamecock Invitational — Columbia, S.C. — 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. William & Mary — Williamsburg, Va. — 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. South Carolina — Clemson, S.C. — 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 9/3

Volleyball vs. Western Carolina — Clemson, S.C. — 12 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Kentucky — Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

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Soccer season begins tonight

Tigers will face archival Gamecocks at Historic Riggs Field.

DANIEL BLACKMON
Staff Writer

As classes begin for students at Clemson, so does another season for head coach Trevor Adair and the men's soccer team. Last season was an uncharacteristic one for Adair, whose teams have enjoyed great success during his tenure.

However, the 2004 Tigers finished with a losing record (8-9) overall, under .500 in conference play and did not reach the postseason. Despite last year's disappointing finish, Adair's career record in his 10 seasons at Clemson is an impressive 132-60-18, which includes six finishes in the Top 12 nationally and five NCAA Final Eight appearances.

The team returns a solid nucleus of 11 lettermen and six starters from last year's squad. Fans can expect veteran seniors Justin Moore and Bradley Gibson to lead the way, along with sophomores Nathan Sturgis, Phillip Marfuggi and Mark Buckholtz.

Four exciting newcomers, Scot Rosman, Bryson Moore, Parker Rogers and David Newton, will also be expected to contribute early and often.

Moore is the team's leading returning scorer after garnering 10 points last season off three goals and four assists.

Sophomore Stuart Holden is second among returning players with nine points in 2004.

Marfuggi, a sophomore, returns at goalkeeper. He had 31 saves last season and posted a 6-6 record while splitting time with departed graduate Hunter Gilstrap.

The team will have to replace six members of last year's team including its leading scorer Steven Rhyne, who had 11 goals, five assists and 27 points. Olatowima Ogunsala, last season's fourth leading scorer with seven points, also must be replaced.

The Tigers have played two exhibition games against in-state rival College of Charleston and Alabama-Birmingham to hone their skills before the season starts, winning one game and tying the other. Clemson defeated the College of Charleston 2-0 on Aug. 20. The Tigers tied Alabama-Birmingham 2-2 in Birmingham.

The Tigers will be looking to surprise many of the experts this year, as they are picked to finish seventh in the always rigorous ACC. Duke, North Carolina and Maryland are predicted to finish one, two and three respectively in the coaches' preseason poll.

Last year's champion, the University of Virginia, was picked to finish fourth. Wake Forest came in fifth with ACC newcomer Boston College sixth in the nine-team league. N.C. State and Virginia Tech occupy the final two spots.

The ACC is represented by five teams in the College Soccer News Preseason Top 30, with Duke ranked second, Maryland third, Virginia 11th, Wake Forest 14th and Boston College 21st.

Clemson's season opener will take place today against the University of South Carolina Gamecocks in the friendly confines of historic Riggs Field at 7:30 p.m.

The Gamecocks, who compete in Conference USA in soccer, defeated the Tigers last season 1-0 in Columbia, S.C.

The last time the two teams met at Riggs Field the score was 1-0 as well, with the Tigers coming out on top.

Downhill run date set

RC/Moonpie sponsored event raises money for Cemetery Hill Project.

ROY WELSH
Staff Writer

The annual RC/Moonpie Downhill run will take place on Sept. 10, a week from tomorrow. The race, which begins in front of the President's mansion and ends at the Esso Club, will raise money to benefit the Cemetery Hill Project sponsored by Tiger Brotherhood. Cemetery Hill is one of the most important places on campus, the

resting place of legends such as Walter Merritt Riggs, Rupert Fike and Frank Howard.

The Downhill run draws participants from both the University and the local community and is touted as an event that brings Clemson together to raise money for an important cause.

The run will begin at 10:30 a.m., and runners who have not registered can do so at 10 a.m. on the day of the race. While some take the race seriously, the Downhill run is more of a fun run, and many people walk the race as well. The registration fee is \$12.

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Women's soccer kicks off season with big wins against UT-C, KSU

Lady Tigers head to Virginia for two non-conference games this weekend.

CARISSA DONGES
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Tigers look stronger than ever as they have started off their 2005 season with two solid wins against University of Tennessee-Chattanooga winning 4-1 and shutting out Kennesaw State 4-0. The Lady Tigers had the home field advantage for their season opener against UT-Chattanooga as Clemson veteran senior Allison Graham dominated the field with two goals. Junior Candice Hein and freshman Jenny Smith also scored in the second half to lead the Lady Tigers to victory on their opening game. It was both of their first registered career goals for Clemson.

In their second match of the season, the Lady Tigers controlled the scoreboard from start to finish against Kennesaw State. Coming strong out of the box, sophomore

Kelly Schneider scored the first goal with only 4:41 on the clock. Seniors and fellow midfielders Lydia Vanderbergh and Allison Graham showed tremendous leadership throughout the game. Vanderbergh scored two out of four goals, while Graham posted one and made three clutch assists. These two seniors will no doubt be the backbone of this team as they head into their 2005 season after losing four starting defenders and two attacking players.

The Lady Tigers ended last season with a solid 10-8-2 record and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the 11th straight year in a row.

As for the rest of the season, the Lady Tigers do not look like they are concerned with the loss of some of their key players but are ready to utilize their returning five starters and new recruits. Clemson welcomes a very diverse and talented freshman class to their roster with a good mixture of size, speed and technical abilities.

Goal-keeping should not cause too much distress this season as the Lady Tigers have a returning starter

in sophomore Lauren Johnston. Johnston replaced Ashley Phillips after the second game due to an injury and started the rest of the season finishing with 57 saves and a 1.14 goal allowed average.

Offensively, Clemson will be relying on junior Courtney Foster to rack up the scoreboard like she has continuously done in past seasons. Foster has been the Lady Tigers leading scorer for the past two years with 13 goals and five assists for a total of 31 points.

The rest of the offense will be depending upon returning sophomore Jaquelyn Hines and freshman players Fraser Gerth and Jenny Smith. With many players contending for the forward position, this season could really be anyone's chance to prove their skills to Head Coach Todd Bramble.

The Lady Tigers face two non-conference teams this weekend with Friday's game against William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. at 7 p.m. and Sunday's game against Virginia Commonwealth in Richmond, Va. at 12 p.m.

Tigers face top teams in 2005

Texas A&M, Florida State and Miami will all visit Death Valley this year.

ROY WELSH
Staff Writer

Clemson's schedule this season could be as unforgiving as last year's campaign for the Tigers. In addition to the conference schedule, which features top-tier teams Florida State and Miami, the Tigers have to deal with their season opener against a No. 17 Texas A&M team that throttled them in College Station last season. The only games which are nearly assured victories are home games against Temple and Duke. But, as Clemson found out last season, a victory against Duke is not always a sure thing.

When looking closer at the Tigers' schedule, there is one major point of optimism. Clemson's three games against their most highly-ranked opponents, Texas A&M, Miami and Florida State, will all be played at Death Valley. Clemson still has tough road games at Maryland and N.C. State. The Tigers have not beaten the Wolfpack in Raleigh since Chuck Amato took over as N.C. State head coach in 1999. The South Carolina game could be a tough contest at Williams-Brice Stadium, but head coach Tommy Bowden seems to have the Gamecocks' number. It should also be noted that Clemson has had few problems winning in Columbia in recent decades.

After looking at the rest of the conference, it becomes clear that Clemson has one of the tougher schedules. While the Tigers do not have defending conference champion Virginia Tech on the schedule, they arguably have the toughest non-conference game of anyone within the conference when they open the season with Texas A&M. Florida State has their annual grudge match against

Florida from the Southeastern Conference, which will be a tough game for the Seminoles. Georgia Tech will finish their season against Georgia, another SEC foe that competes for the conference title annually.

While Miami has to face Florida State on the road to start the season, the Hurricanes have a favorable schedule after their opener against the 'Noles. The only road conference games the Hurricanes have after Florida State are Clemson, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. Miami is projected to be 8-0 heading into the Virginia Tech game at Blacksburg. If the Hurricanes can knock off the Hokies, they should be headed to another National Championship game.

Duke is expected to struggle in conference play, but the Blue Devils could win all three of their non-conference games this season. The Blue Devils open up on the road at East Carolina, a team that only won two games last year. Duke hosts VMI the third week of the season, and Navy the fifth week of the season. While Navy won 10 games last season, they are not expected to be as strong this season — Duke could beat them in Durham.

The team with the easiest schedule in the ACC might be N.C. State. With non-conference games against Eastern Kentucky, Southern Mississippi and Middle Tennessee State, the Wolfpack can expect to win all three of their games against teams outside the ACC.

The Tigers have to face a number of tough games this season, and will be tested from the first weekend of the season. Guessing how the Tigers will finish at this point is a crapshoot, and most of the games on Clemson's schedule will be tough ones.

Regardless, the Clemson faithful can still brim with anticipation at the most exciting home schedule the Tigers have had in a long time.

Intramural sports offer fun for all

With registration complete, frisbee, tennis and volleyball are set to begin season.

KRISTEN MCKENNA
Staff Writer

It's the start of a new school year, and if you're not exactly NCAA material you are in luck — because it's time for intramural sports. This year teams were able to register for ultimate frisbee, team tennis and sand volleyball starting Monday, Aug. 29 and ending Wednesday, Aug. 31. Flag football tournament and non-tournament teams, as well as racquetball and squash athletes can begin registering on Sept. 12. Three-on-three basketball teams and indoor volleyball teams can register starting Oct. 10.

Also, remember that if you are not already part of a team, you have the option of registering as a free agent, and the intramural sports office will help you to find a team or put you in touch with other people looking to start a team. There are advanced and novice divisions catering to the level of competition and skill that your team is capable of. There are also divisions solely for Greek men to compete with each other.

There are a number of special events taking place this semester in addition to the regular schedule of intramural sports. The Intramural Olympics will be held Sept. 5-8. This competition will feature events in five sports: soccer (shot accuracy and juggling), ultimate frisbee (distance and accuracy throw), flag football (punt, pass, kick and obstacle course), softball (home run derby and accuracy

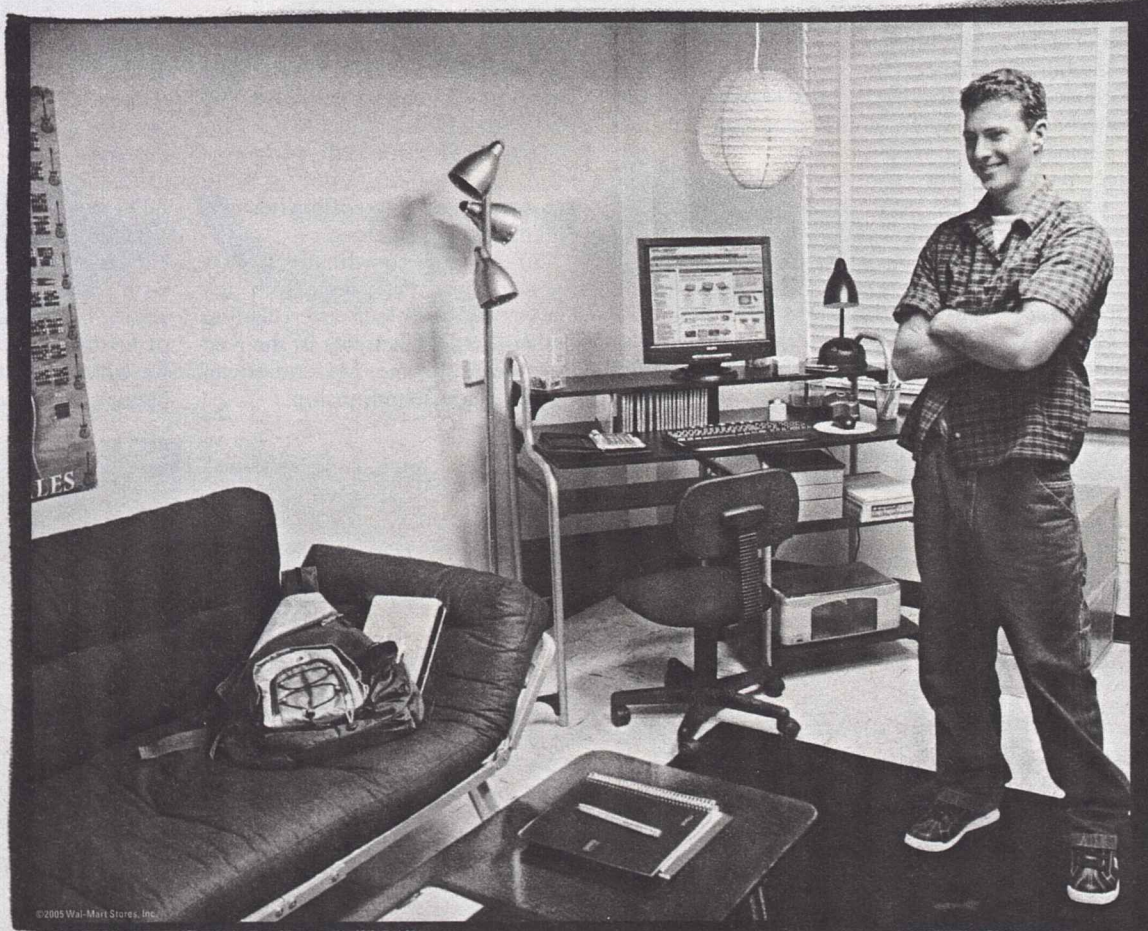
throws) and basketball (three-point shootout and two ball competition).

The Palmetto Cup will take place for the second year in a row on the weekend of Oct. 7. This is an extramural flag football tournament for all colleges and universities in South Carolina to show off their most talented intramural teams. The University of South Carolina won the title last year.

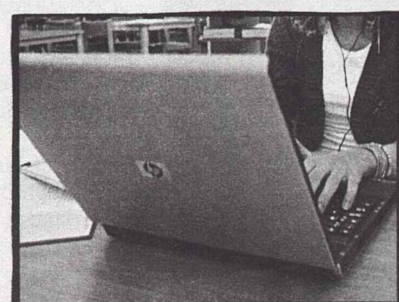
"Friday Night Lights" will be a program within intramural flag football that allows teams from different divisions to challenge each other at any point during the season. The program will take place on Fridays this fall at the Fike intramural fields.

Teams for all sports are able to register online, but if you have any questions, you can call the intramural sports office located in Fike Field House at (864) 656-6200.

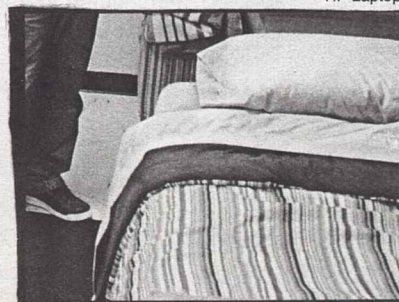
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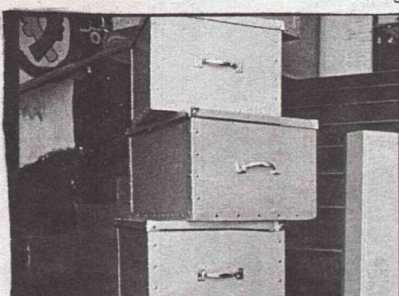
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Everything you need to know about the Tigers

CARISSA DONGES

Assistant Sports Editor

A new school year is upon us here in Clemson with a bunch of brand new students embarking on their college journey. The Clemson journey is not your typical college experience; it becomes more a way of life. As fall approaches, everyone knows that there are two things that you must do while attending this fine university; go to class (or most of them) and go crazy at the football games. Clemson Football is a program built on tradition.

Clemson Head Coach Tommy Bowden

dition with fans traveling from all ends of the country to be a part of our outrageous Tiger pride. But before you start tailgating this Saturday, there are a few things every Clemson Tiger fan should know.

For starters, Clemson Football has an amazing history of star athletes and college titles that make the program what it is today. Football greats like Jeff Davis and William "The Refrigerator" Perry have rubbed Howard's rock and shared the most exciting 25 seconds in college football here in our stadium.

The Heisman trophy, the most prestigious and coveted award in college

football, was named after the football legend John Heisman, the same Heisman who coached right here in Death Valley for four seasons starting in 1900. Clemson's golden years took place in the 1980s, as the Tigers brought home six Atlantic Coast Conference titles and one glorious National Championship after a 22-15 win over the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the 1982 Orange Bowl.

As for the current squad, this season will hopefully pick up where the Tigers left off. Charlie Whitehurst returns for his third consecutive season as quarterback. Whitehurst holds 35 Clemson records, including career passing yardage (7182), completions (588) and 200-yard (18) and 300-yard (6) passing games. He is also second in completion percentage and touchdown passes. He threw for 2067 yards on 177-349 passing as a junior when he threw seven touchdown passes.

Tiger Football: Alive in 2005

Season slate features familiar foes both home and away

ZACK MAULDIN

Sports Layout Editor

The Clemson Tigers will play possibly the toughest schedule in school history this season but will meet with some familiar opponents along the way. There is no team on this season's slate that Clemson has never faced on the gridiron.

The Tigers will open the season at home in Death Valley against the Aggies from Texas A&M. Clemson has not beaten Texas A&M in three attempts. The Tigers and Aggies met in 1973 and 1974 for a home-and-home series that ended with a 24-0 A&M win at Kyle Field and a 30-15 Aggie victory in Death Valley. Last season's meeting at College Station, Texas, saw Coach Dennis Franchione's squad dominate the Tigers for a 27-6 win.

In the second game of the year, Clemson will head to College Park, Md. for an afternoon meeting with the Maryland Terrapins. The Tigers hold a 28-23-2 advantage in the series against the Terps. The 10-7 Clemson win in Death Valley last year broke a three-year Maryland win streak in the series. Prior to that, the Tigers had only lost one of the last 15 games against the Terrapins.

Miami will come to Clemson for the first time in the third week of the season. The Hurricanes have played the Tigers six times, but never in Clemson. Miami holds a 4-2 series lead over the Tigers, with Clemson's only wins coming in the 1951 Orange Bowl, a 15-14 decision, and last season's 24-17 overtime victory at Miami.

Atlantic Coast Conference newcomer Boston College will visit Tigertown on week four. Clemson holds a 7-5-2 advantage in the series despite only playing the Eagles four times in Death Valley. The Tigers have not beaten BC since the 1958 season, when they won 34-12 on their home field.

Clemson will hit the road to Winston-Salem, N.C. after playing Boston College to face the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. Last season, the Tigers got revenge for a 45-17 thrashing at the hands of the Deacs the year before by rallying from behind for a 37-30 double overtime win at the Valley. In 70 meetings between the two teams, Clemson holds a dominating 54-15-1 lead.

After a bye week, the Tigers will face N.C. State at Carter-Finley Stadium in the Textile Bowl on a Thursday night. Clemson has a 45-27-1 advantage in the all-time series, but the game has been a toss-up in recent history. Since 1985, the Tigers have won

ten and lost nine against the Wolfpack.

The following week, the Temple Owls will come to Death Valley for only their second meeting with the Tigers. The only other game between the two teams was a 37-7 Clemson win in September of 1991.

The ACC schedule will resume for the Tigers with a Halloween weekend trip to Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets defeated Clemson last season in an unbelievable 28-24 game that saw Tech quarterback Reggie Ball hit freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson for two touchdowns in the final two minutes of the game to seal the win. Georgia Tech leads the all-time series with the Tigers by a 44-23-2 count.

Duke will be the opponent when Clemson comes home from Atlanta. Last year, the Blue Devils beat the Tigers 16-13 on a last-second field goal, only the fourth time Duke won in the series in the last 25 years. The Tigers hold a 32-16-1 advantage in the all-time series.

Bowden Bowl VII will then come to Clemson as Florida State, led by all-time winningest NCAA head coach Bobby Bowden, will face the Tigers, led by his son Tommy Bowden. Tommy got his first victory over his father the last time these two teams clashed in Death Valley, two years ago, when Clemson won 26-10. The Seminoles hold a 15-3 advantage in the all-time series between the two teams.

The season will culminate in a bitter rivalry game at Williams-Brice Stadium between the Tigers and the South Carolina Gamecocks. The Gamecocks won the first ever meeting between the two teams, 12-6 in 1896, but ever since then, the series has been dominated by Clemson. The Tigers lead the series 63-35-4, and are coming off a 29-7 win over their archrivals. The last time the two teams met in Columbia, Clemson beat Carolina by the largest margin in the history of the rivalry, 63-17.

Overall, against all the teams on this year's schedule, the Tigers are a combined 258-187-13.

Clemson has a large advantage in the all-time series over the majority of the teams on the slate, which is a compliment to the tradition of the football program.

Hopefully, the Tigers will be able to take advantage of the experience they have with the teams on their schedule and have a successful season.

Whitehurst will also have the chance this year to be the first quarterback in Clemson history to defeat archrival South Carolina four years in a row.

The Tigers will also welcome back a few familiar faces at running back. The top two rushers from last season, Reggie Merriweather and Duane Coleman, will be back, along with senior Kyle Browning. Merriweather is first among returning ACC players in touchdowns scored in 2004 after

he scored 11 of Clemson's 15 rushing touchdowns while having 670 yards on 135 carries last year and posted nearly a 5.0 average.

The 2005 season will bring new faces off the field, however, with the arrival of new offensive and defensive coordinators.

Offensive coordinator Rob Spence joins the team from the University of Toledo after leading the Rockets three times in the past four years to the Mid-American Conference Championship.

Defensive Coordinator Vic Koenning led Troy University's defense to a top ten national ranking in scoring defense, rushing defense, yards per play, and pass efficiency defense to close their 2004 season.

Now that all of you new and old Clemson football fans are equipped with some basic knowledge of this year's team, along with a little bit of history, you are officially ready for what we all hope will be a spectacular 2005 season.

ON THE FIELD

OFFENSE

LT Barry Richardson
LG Roman Fry
C Dustin Fry
RG Nathan Bennett
RT Marion Dukes
TE Bobby Williamson
WR Aaron Kelly
WR Chansi Stuckey
QB Charlie Whitehurst
RB Reggie Merriweather
FB Steven Jackson



Reggie Merriweather

KEY MATCHUP

Clemson running back Reggie Merriweather last season was the leading touchdown rusher in the ACC when he ran for 11 scores. Merriweather also led all Tiger backs with 670 yards on the season. The Clemson coaching staff is looking to Merriweather to lead the Tigers' revamped rushing attack against the impressive Texas A&M defense. The Aggies will depend on a deep linebacking corps, keyed by strongside backer Archie McDaniel, to put a halt to Merriweather and the Clemson offense. McDaniel, a 6-2, 230 lb. senior, can play both inside and outside and has recorded 161 career stops.



Archie McDaniel

DEFENSE

DE Chris Harrington
DT Johnny Jolly
DT Red Bryant
DE Jason Jack
SLB Archie McDaniel
MLB Justin Warren
ROV Lee Foliaki
CB Brock Newton
SS Japhus Brown
FS Jaxson Appel
CB Ronald Jones

CLEMSON

VS. Texas A & M

DANIEL TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Finally here is the return of barbeque grills, the Hill, Howard's Rock, orange balloons and Tiger paws. After months of painful anticipation, college football is back. No game in the country is as big as the one in the little town of Clemson tomorrow.

Scheduled for 8 p.m. and broadcasted nationally on ABC, the Clemson Tigers play host to the Texas A&M Aggies. This match-up pits two storied football programs with unbelievable pageantry against each other.

The fan support for both these teams is equaled by few and surpassed by none. With many teams across the NCAA scheduling much easier non-conference games, a meeting of this caliber with powers from the ACC and Big 12 is rare occasion.

The Aggies will be the favorite coming off a 7-4 season, which included a Cotton Bowl bid. They lost only four of 22 starters and are No. 17 in the coaches' poll. Texas A&M comes into the game with their best team in years.

Clemson's expectations are not as great. Their year ended with a 29-7 drubbing of the rival Gamecocks, but both schools selected not to attend a bowl game. Thus, Tiger fans have been hungry for football longer than usual.

In fact, that should be Clemson's greatest weapon along with the home field advantage. In the last two years, Clemson has gone 11-2 at home (and 28-10 all-time under Bowden). The Aggies have also struggled when away from Kyle Field going 2-4 last year and 0-5 the year before.

Despite struggling on the road, Aggie head coach Dennis Franchione has brought the Texas A&M back into the top 20 in only his third season at the helm.

Franchione is the ninth winningest active head coach in the NCAA, interestingly only one spot ahead of Clemson head coach Tommy Bowden, who ranks 10th on the list.

The Aggies return nine starters from a high-powered offense that finished 20th in the nation last year. The main threat against the Tigers will be Aggie QB Reggie McNeal. The 6-2 senior is dangerous running and throwing the football.

Last year McNeal went 200-344 throwing with 2,791 yards, 14 touchdowns and four interceptions. Many pre-season publications have him listed as First-team All-Big 12, and some even a Heisman candidate.

But A&M is not relying completely on their QB because

they also return running back Courtney Lewis, who gained 742 yards on 175 carries with 9 TDs despite being banged up for much of the year. He should exceed those numbers this year as four starters return from the offensive line, making it one of the elite units in the Big 12. The Aggies only weakness offensively is their lack of experienced receivers. Last year's leading receiver Jason Carter only had 38 catches for 468 yards.

However, Texas A&M has several big options at receiver. Earvin Taylor, DeQawn Mobley and L'Tydrick Riley are all at least 6-2, and they should provide McNeal with some favorable matchups against Clemson's secondary.

Trying to stop the Clemson's defense, Miller early to the Despire performing Koenning will replace coordinator this year. be a more vocal defensive than the more reserved

Koenning uses a 3-4 base defense more as well, which should put more speed on the field for a running QB like McNeal.

Although the Clemson defense has lost five starters from last year, they will be just as strong. The loss of Miller in the secondary should not bother any Clemson fans. CB Tye Hill was the best cover corner on the team last season, and Sergio Gilliam will be much better at defending against the jump balls at 6-3.

Clemson safety Jamaal Fudge is also considered one of the best safeties in the ACC. The linebackers should be no cause for concern either. Clemson seems to always have leaders emerge from the LB position every season.

This year's emerging star looks to be 6-3, 240-pound linebacker Anthony Waters. With his enormous size, he will have no trouble aiding the run support and pounding ball carriers.

Aggies' attack will be which lost CB Justin NFL and LB Leroy Hill. well last season, Vic John Lovett as defensive Koenning is supposed to coordinator Lovett.

The defensive line is the only question mark defensively for the Tigers. Ends Gaines Adams and Charles Bennett must force a pass rush against a solid Aggie offensive line. McNeal can wreak havoc on a defensive backfield when he has time to throw.

Clemson also needs quality playing time from freshmen Phillip Merling and Rashaad Jackson to rest the more experienced players on the defensive line.

Traditionally, the Aggies have one of the best defenses in the country every year, but that has changed since the 1990s. Two years ago A&M's defense was terrible, giving up 77 points to Oklahoma and a combined 168 in their last three games. Last year they improved, but seemed to fall apart at the hands of Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl losing 38-7.

A&M returns all but two from that defense. This should be the best defensive unit Franchione has had at Texas A&M, but it still lags behind their offense and could give them trouble against the Tigers.

Clemson is looking to improve their scoring where the offense sputtered frequently and finished 110th in the nation. No one hopes to revamp the Clemson attack more than the new offensive coordinator, Rob Spence. Spence comes from Toledo, where he earned a reputation for his mastery of offense.

Featuring a lot of play-action passing and relying on a receiving tight end, the "Mad Scientist's" schemes are welcomed by head coach Tommy Bowden as he will be giving Spence complete control.

The man who will lead Spence's offense is QB Charlie Whitehurst, who enters his senior season with a weight on his shoulders. After becoming the starter his freshman year, he went on to have a phenomenal sophomore year rewriting Clemson's passing record book.

However, last year he struggled throwing only 7 TDs and 17 interceptions when he was supposed to be a dark horse Heisman candidate.

His success will depend on his ability to adapt to Spence's new offense. As one of the most experienced QBs in the nation, he should have another great year.

The Aggies will score a few touchdowns — their offense is too good to keep out of the endzone, but Clemson's defense is too powerful to let the Aggies blow them out.

The success of the game will depend on how quickly Clemson's offense can pick up the new schemes and exploit the Aggies' defense.

Southern Circuit and Self Series Films
Wednesdays, 8pm @ McKissick Theater
September Films: *Donnie Darko*; *Howl's Moving Castle*; *Desire*

Weekend Movie Screenings
Thurs, Fri, Sun, 8pm @ McKissick Theater
September Films: *Sin City*; *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*; *War of the Worlds*

LIVE at Lunch Music & Arts
Sept 13, Noon @ Union Courtyard
Sept 27, Noon @ Hendrix Student Center

Friday Night Lights Series
Sept 23, Time TBA @ Fike

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Aug 20 **Frosh Fest**
6pm @ Bowman Field

Aug 22 **Welcome Back Festival**
5pm @ Downtown Clemson

Aug 22 **Bowman Block Party**
7pm @ Bowman Field

Aug 23 **Summer Reading Program**
1pm @ Littlejohn Coliseum

Aug 24 **Fall Classes Begin**

Aug 24 **Movie: Monty Python and the Holy Grail**
9pm @ Amphitheater

Sept 2 **First Friday Parade**
6pm @ Clemson Blvd. to Riggs Field

Sept 3 **Freshman Tiger Tailgate**
4pm @ Location TBA

Sept 3 **Texas A & M Football Game**
8pm @ Death Valley

Sept 5 **Labor Day (Class in Session)**

Sept 15 **Dive-In Movie: Jaws**
9pm @ Fike pool

Sept 17 **Miami Football Game**
Time TBA @ Death Valley

Sept 24 **Boston College Football Game**
Time TBA @ Death Valley

Oct 6 **Drive-In Movie**
9pm @ Jervy Meadows

Oct 17-18 ... **Fall Break**

Oct 22 **Temple Football Game**
Time TBA @ Death Valley

Oct 28 **Halloween Concert**
Time TBA @ Littlejohn Coliseum

Nov 5 **Homecoming Game vs. Duke**
Time TBA @ Death Valley

Nov 12 **Florida State Football Game**
Time TBA @ Death Valley

Nov 17 **NCAA Challenge**
Time TBA @ Hendrix Student Center

Nov 23-25... **Thanksgiving Break**

Nov 30 **Steve Yurcik: Living with Aids**
Time TBA @ Tillman Auditorium

Dec 10 **Final Exams Begin**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEWBIE TAILGATE

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MOVIE: DONNIE DARKO

Free Admission
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MOVIE: SIN CITY

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8PM on Thursday, Friday, Sunday, September 8, 9, 11
McKissick Theater in Hendrix Student Center

MOVIE: HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE

Free Admission
8PM on Wednesday, September 14
McKissick Theater in Hendrix Student Center

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Sunday, September 11 at 8:30am-4:30pm
Student Senate Chambers

CAROLINA SHAG

Begins on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00pm

INTRO TO FLAMENCO DANCE

Begins on Monday, September 12 at 6:30pm

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BOWMAN BLOCK PARTY

Each year as students descend upon the area to prepare for the Back Festival. This year, the Student Media Organizations collaborated to from around the Southeast to Clemson's doorstep to give the returning students were definitely rocked.

The Bowman Block Party was conjured up by former Associate Director students a non-alcoholic music festival; one in which they could enjoy the music and debauchery. Caroline Stone, who sat on the committee that planned the festival for the community, and this was just another way to give back."

WSBF - 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station, played a major role in the Bowman Block Party. The festival was co-sponsored by the Student Media, Tiger Football, and the Tiger Band. Over 30 different student organizations were also represented at the event, which brought people together from all over the community. There were student organizations, and Amy Hsu said, "For the first event of this magnitude, I was impressed at how everyone came together and further the sense of community on campus."

David Bowman, WSBF Program Director / General Manager, was instrumental in getting as many groups as possible. The festival represented a wide array of genres, from rock to country, but was forced to cancel. Bowman said, "We hope to introduce the community to a wider variety of music."

The party was kicked off with a performance by Neil Brooks, followed by The Disease, The Lavernes, The Rosebuds and The Blue Dogs. There were also performances by the Bowman Block Party committee had planned on having some bands play on a side stage, but the committee and the many in attendance were not discouraged.

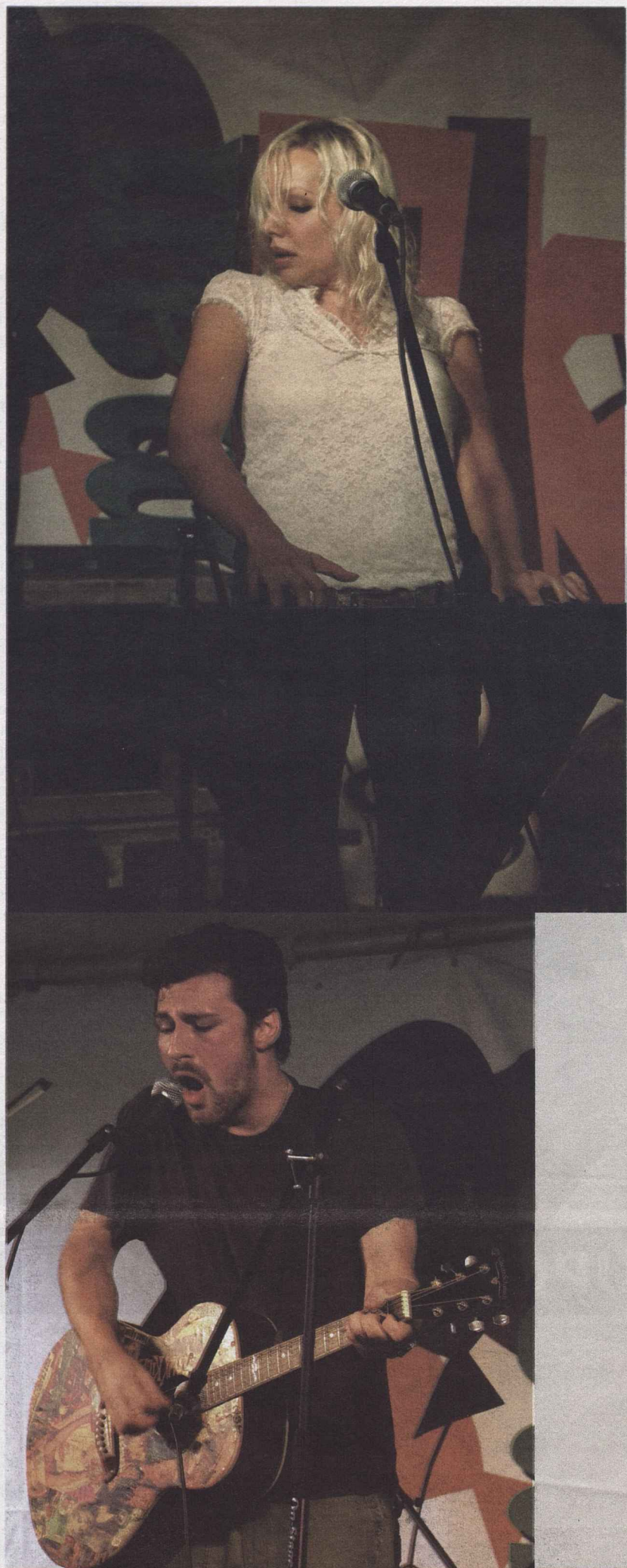
Some familiar faces that performed at the show were hometown favorites like Dwight Hutchenson and Adam Thompson, bassist Kelly Hines, pianist Brian Hines, and the sound of garage rock with a twist of lemon. The Lavernes were excited and responded well to their music, and Hutchenson was quoted as saying that he was happy.

Overall the band enjoyed the experience of performing at the Bowman Block Party. Bowman said, "Wherever there are good people wanting to dig good music, we'll be there." at www.thelavernes.com.

According to many, the Bowman Block Party was a hit, providing a lot of some good, safe fun. According to Chris Ellepola, who was in attendance at the Bowman Block Party successfully provided students with an event that was

Story by John
Photos by Bob

Pictured counter-clockwise
The Lavernes, The Disease, The
man Field.





RTY

Socks Were Definitely Rocked Off

Coming academic year, the town erupts into celebration with the Welcome to bring a new twist to an old idea. The Bowman Block Party brought bands and students a warm welcome. At the first annual Bowman Block Party, socks

Director for Student Media Whitney Romanowski. The idea was to give students, the school and the community without being surrounded by alcohol and the Bowman Block Party, said, "The student media is here to provide a service to

in recruiting the bands and supplying and setting up the equipment for the Paw Productions, Clemson Live and many of your local neighborhood venues festival. This event gave them a new venue to recruit students. The festival has professors and even parents and children in attendance. Concertgoers the lineup of bands. I think more events like this will bring Clemson students

in charge of recruiting the bands. His goal was to bring in as many diverse styles of music from bluegrass to punk to folk music. A hip-hop group was scheduled to perform to give new artists and provide them as many diverse groups as possible." The lineup included The Elegance, The Enemy, The Widdershins, The Spotlight, The some technical difficulties with the main stage power supply. Luckily, the band moved to the side stage. All of the bands were eventually forced to play on a much smaller stage.

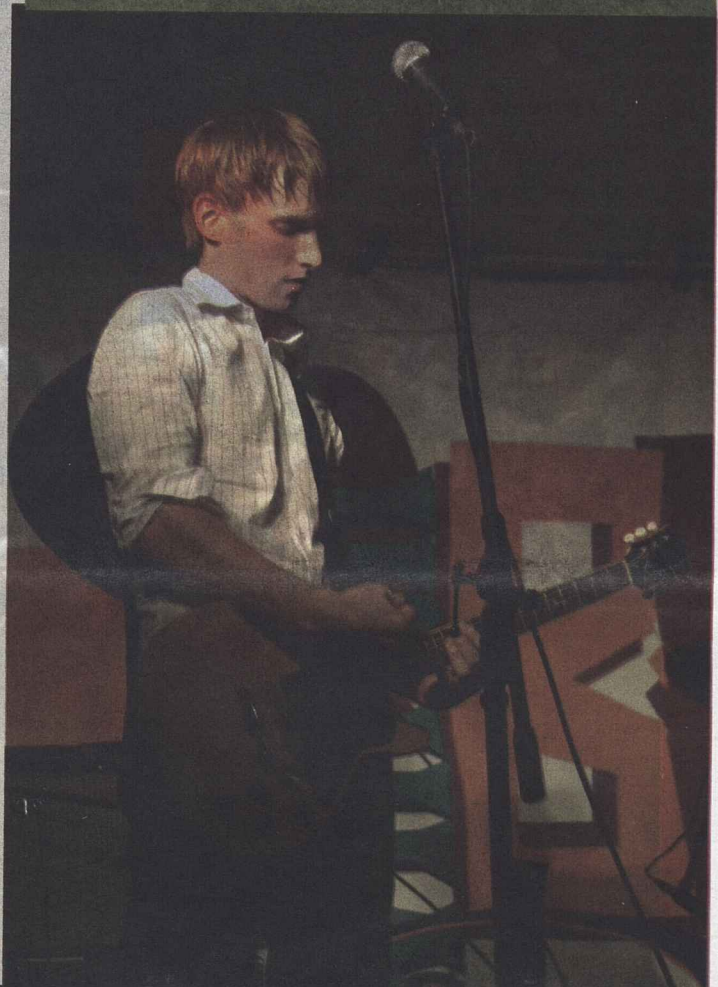
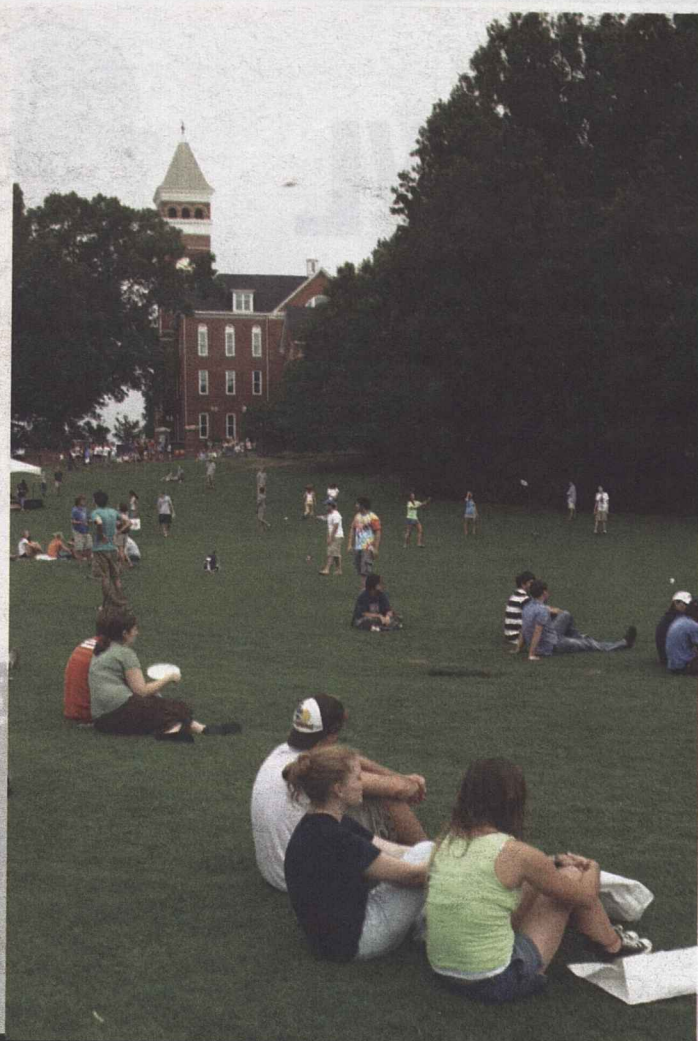
favorites The Lavernes. Members of The Lavernes include guitar / singing duo Ryan Wolf and drummer Jason Walter. The group pumps out a self-described "rockabilly" sound. The band felt the crowd at the Bowman Block Party. The band felt the crowd at "they were sitting down, but when we went on they got up and danced; I

man Block Party; and when asked if they would perform next year, Hines said, "I'd love to be there." If you want to download the Lavernes EP, check out their website

link between new and old students and the community while giving them a good time. "College students are constantly exposed to the temptations of alcohol, but we provide a safe environment void of those temptations while also providing a rocking good time."

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from top left: The Rosebuds, The Elegance, The Enemy, The Blue Dogs and The Lavernes, Bowman Block Party



ON THE PROWL

BY BRANDON BILINSKI

If you've noticed anything about the current theme of today's paper, it's probably that we are focusing this first issue on welcoming freshmen and welcoming back all others who have returned to the fine institute of Clemson University.

So as not to be ostracized by the rest of the articles, I have also decided to create a welcome back specific "On the Prowl."

Not only am I welcoming back the students, but I am also issuing this as a welcome back to the topic of sex. The paper has undergone many changes, but I think that Clemson students still have their basic animalistic needs.

This article will attempt to satiate those needs over the semester.

It appears that all of the freshmen are finally settling in to on-campus living, and I have to admit, this is one sexy freshman class.

Girls and guys alike are trying their best to dress up everyday (we'll see how long that lasts), and Fike is filling fast. Such vast sexiness will inevitably lead to the linking up of the sexes, and I would like to inform freshmen of a few

tips here in what I will now refer to as "Sex and the Campus: a Definitive Guide."

As a predictable first topic, I have to mention safe sex. I know, you are thinking that you know everything there is to know about safe sex because it has been pounded into your head by all your elders.

Hopefully I can provide some extra insight here that you may not know.

First, never buy condoms from a drug store. My first trip to pick up "supplies" in Clemson led me to the obvious choice (so I thought) of Eckerd's.

Back in the free-love section, they had a shelf full of the tried and trustworthy Trojans... for \$13. Since there are 12 condoms in a



pack, this is absurd. For one thing, I could buy condoms for cheaper if I got them individually from a vending machine.

I mean, a 12-pack of Sam Adams is cheaper than that, and I assure you, the Sam Adams tastes a lot better (unless you love drinking lubricant from a latex keg).

I found out that Redfern is more than happy to disperse an exorbitant number of free condoms if you so desire.

I mean, if I wanted to fill hundreds of condoms with helium and float myself around campus like a safe-sex zeppelin, Redfern would probably endorse me.

Should your parents be willing to deposit "food" money on your TigerStripe, then you are in the elite group of parents who actually monetarily endorse love-making.

The Snax & Stax shop in the library sells condoms behind the counter in case of an all night anatomy study session. Bi-Lo now also accepts TigerStripe, and since they sell condoms, this is also a viable option.

If you don't like things for free, and you absolutely must have the latest quadruple-pleasure, temperature-regulated, Courvoisier-flavored, length-extending and orgasm-intensifying type of Trojan condom, then just go to Wal-Mart. They sell all brands of condoms for \$5 a 12-pack and \$12 a 36-pack (you stud you).

Another tip on the obvious list deals with the all-too-famous

Magnum condom.

Yes, we all know how cool you feel buying, showing off and initially opening the Magnum condom.

But honestly, how cool are you going to feel when you realize your ego is larger than your penis and that now your little fleet of impregnators are sailing free on the warpath to seek and destroy any egg in their path? Trust me, doing all the right things to a woman with a normal-sized condom is going to be much more rewarding than telling your illegitimate child that he was created due to delusions of grandeur.

To be honest though, if you are a good bit above eight inches (you know you've measured it at least once, ye of poor self esteem), then go ahead and don the Magnum.

If you happen to be rocking a perfect Olympic score (10+), then and only then get the Magnum XL. Seriously, though, if you truly need the XL, one has to wonder why college was the route you decided to take in life.

Ladies, it may seem like I have left you out (which I basically have), but condoms, not sponges or diaphragms, happen to be my expertise.

Someone more qualified at Redfern may be the one to talk to, but I do have one tip. No matter how sweet birth control sounds, those cute little colored pills aren't going to block Johnny Greek-life from inducting you into his sexual-

ly transmitted fraternity, and those bonds tend to be everlasting.

In this day and age, with more and more women paying for dates and more and more men accepting change, some social norms have been switched.

I recommend that if you simply must go to a frat party and drink until bow ties and pink shorts look cool, stock up on a pack of condoms for your purse.

I know how things can go down, and if the heat of the moment takes over and the college male clone trooper you end up with starts getting physical, you both may not worry about condoms if they aren't easily accessible. So load 'em in the clip and be prepared to fire.

If carrying around condoms makes you feel like a slut, ignore those thoughts. You just happen to be a girl who knows what she wants (orgasm) and knows what she doesn't want (babies and diseases).

I know that I have rambled on about condoms for a whole column, but next week I will try to start some new features including reviewing one erotic toy/book/ cake/office supply or answering a reader request every week.

Send requests of things for me to try by going on our website, and I will report on how well they worked out. With this article, it has been decreed, as the great Robert Kelly decreed it before me, "I don't see nothing wrong (wrong) with a little bump and grind."

Avoid Freshman 15 with healthful tips

STACY BROGAN
Staff Writer

According to Clemson's enrollment statistics, 2,892 freshman-students have enrolled in the 2005 fall semester. If these incoming undergraduates are not aware of the dreaded Freshman 15, Clemson's first-year scholars have the chance of collectively gaining 43,380 pounds during this academic year.

So what can these students do to avoid jointly gaining tons of weight?

The answer is PLENTY, and it all begins with simple planning.

First-year Clemson students are smart. Most have well-written planners with every minute detail written down. From classes to dates, movies, rushing, studying, football games, partying and seemingly everything else all detailed in planners, it appears the students have their college careers in order.

However, what fails to be planned, although it is the most important item, is their health.

So, here are some a few simple tips and ideas to plan ahead and avoid expanding anything other than your minds.

Start with adding a set workout at least three times a week. It doesn't have to be hours of intense exercise, just 30 minutes of weight lifting, walking, running or any physical activity will help offset weight gain.

Going to Fike Recreation Center, Perimeter Road or joining in with Bowman Field's Frisbee fanatics are all great options for fitness.

Second, planning meals is crucial. Many freshmen roll out of bed, (at 7:45 a.m., or 11:45 a.m. for that matter,) grab a pop-tart and soda and sit in class all day. Avoid a sugary toaster strudel and plan healthier options, like grabbing a piece of fruit from the cafeteria (yes you can take one). Your mind will thank you, as will your waistline.

Also, cafeteria food, if planned and thought about, can offer a plethora of healthy, low-calorie, nutritious fare.

The salad bar is an amazing start, but do not think all salad dressing is calorie free. If a low-calorie option is available, use it!

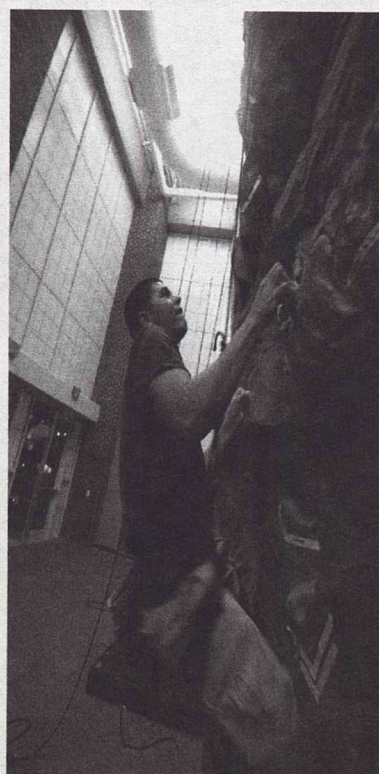
Choose grilled meats over fried, blot extra grease from pizza; avoid casseroles; do not butter breads and pass up late-night munchies.

If you feel compelled to eat a late-night snack, veggies cut up in low-calorie dip or hummus, light popcorn, fruit, light yogurt or even one cookie and a glass of milk are all perfectly fine.

Another key factor in avoiding gaining weight is being aware and planning for beverages at parties.

Be forewarned that beer, wine and mixed drinks are far from calorie-free. Alcohol, even its light counterparts, has an abundance of non-nutritious calories that can often lead to late-night noshing. Plan for this and choose water, diet sodas or light beverages if at all possible.

Planning healthy, complete meals and workouts throughout the 2005-2006 year will result in healthier minds and bodies. Therefore, the only thing students can hope to gain from Clemson will be knowledge.



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Say goodbye to on-campus dining

ADAM STEINBERG
TimeOut Layout Editor

For those who love the idea of a meal plan but hate the idea of Schilleter, a few options exist that feature your favorite off-campus restaurants.

The Off-Campus Meal Plan (OCMP) provides students with the structure of an on-campus meal plan with the quality of your favorite non-Aramark eatery.

Plans for the OCMP start with as little as three meals a week and can include as many as 14 meals a week. A student can also design a custom plan. The system is pretty basic: deposit funds into your OCMP, then use your OCMP card at any of the participating restaurants to pay for your meal.

It is unclear whether there are really any savings with this plan; the card is basically a restaurant debit card.

The OCMP does advertise "members-only" discounts and special promotions."

Another option for off-campus dining is simply to use the TigerStripe system. For those unfamiliar with TigerStripe, it is essentially a debitaccount on your Tiger 1 Card. Deposit funds

into your TigerStripe account, and then you can make purchases using your Tiger 1 Card at any vendor that accepts it. However, don't expect to withdraw cash from your account.

Sure, TigerStripe is accepted almost anywhere on campus, but off-campus establishments are buying into the system as well, which comes in handy for those late-night munchies when you find your wallet empty.

Some of the restaurants that currently accept TigerStripe are Ancheaux's, Acropolis Restaurant, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Firehouse Subs, Jersey Mike's, Arby's, Keith's Street Pub and Grill, Mellow Mushroom, Moe's, Papa John's Pizza, Subway, TD's Food and Drink, Todaro's Pizza, Wendy's and Zaxby's.

You can even use TigerStripe to purchase groceries at Bi-Lo if you feel like eating at home or are agoraphobic.

With these options for eating off-campus, no one should have to resort to the Totino's diet ever again.

More information can be found at www.OCDN.com and <http://www.OCDN.com>

New restaurants add flavor to Clemson community

JAY KYSER
Staff Writer

The fall semester of 2005 has brought hordes of new freshmen, school bills and student debt caused by overpriced books and the dreaded realization that no, we as Clemson students do not get Labor Day off. Students also have to struggle to remember the names of acquaintances made during the previous year and figure out how to get to class in that one building of which no one has ever heard. Despite the despair caused by the aforementioned things, there is one thing to look forward to this semester. No, it's not sunbathing on Bowman or fall break. Nor is it exciting conversations to be had on the CAT bus en route to your 8 a.m. class. It's the exciting new restaurants that opened up in Clemson.

The one I, personally, am most excited about is Einstein Bros. Bagels. It's located on the second floor of the Hendrix Center and entices me every time I walk by it. Last week, I decided it was due time to give in to my craving. Upon entering, I was greeted by an enthusiastic staff and a very clean, fresh-looking restaurant. Studying the menu revealed that it is not

an expensive place at all, much to my surprise. It was a mere dollar for a bagel, one of my favorite afternoon snacks. There were also excellent deals on a baker's dozen bagels; you'll be set back \$10.99 for 13 bagels and two tubs of cream cheese, a.k.a. "shmear," as the menu calls it.

The staff was knowledgeable and able to answer all of my questions. Out of curiosity, I asked the supervisor if there was anything that made Einstein Bros. really noteworthy. To my surprise, he proudly boasted the food stays in the store less than 48 hours (the absolute maximum amount of time for any of their food). This would definitely explain the extreme freshness from the bagels and pastries. A wide variety of foods are displayed on the menu, with items such as Powerbagels (a bagel so awesome that it can replace an entire meal) and tasty sandwiches. If you happen to stop by and don't know what to order, I highly recommend you choose a toasted cinnamon raisin bagel with strawberry shmear on it. Also, one of the best things about the place is that if you buy a mug from them, you can get ultra cheap coffee or soda refills on it. According to the girl who rang me up, the mug pays

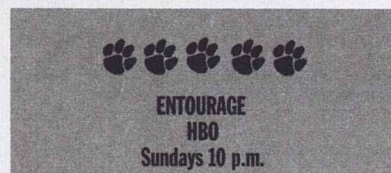
for itself within one visit. I don't know about you, but I'm all about not paying \$1.50 for my sodas, as I have at other on-campus food locations.

Other new restaurants gracing the Clemson restaurant scene are giving the old timers a run for their money. Sandwich shops such as Jersey Mike's and Quizno's must make Subway and Firehouse Subs somewhat nervous. Beezer's late night delivery helps to really separate it from the rest of the sub shop pack. The placing of Moe's in relation to Ancheaux's seems almost strategic; does Moe's have ambitions to become the top burrito shop in Clemson? It's going to be a tough fight, especially when one remembers the greatness that is Super Taco.

A few restaurants have opened without competition. Due to a lack of similar restaurants, I really don't see Eddy's Spaghetti or Bangkok Royal Thai having to worry about going out of business due to market saturation.

So now that there are a greater variety of places to eat, be excited to gain that Freshman 15! Just don't forget the old favorites; they've lasted a long time because they know what they're doing!

HBO brings "Sex and the City" for men



JOHN HEGARTY
Staff Writer

For years, guys have been forced by their female counterparts to suffer through the agony of watching episode after episode of "Sex and the City." I'm not saying anything against "Sex and the City," I'm sure if you have a uterus, it's perfectly entertaining.

However, for the majority of people with higher levels of testosterone flowing through their veins, it just doesn't cut it.

Thanks to our good friends at HBO, there is now an answer for dudes everywhere. "Entourage" is a 30 minute, commercial-free escape into the world of sex, drugs and Hollywood.

"Entourage" follows the life of an up-and-coming actor, Vincent Chase, played by Adrian Grenier, as he struggles to balance his career and his love interests while trying to support his lavish, party-hearty lifestyle.

Vince is also accompanied by his friends from back home in Queens, NY.

Vince's brother Johnny, played by Kevin Dillon, was once a season regular on many TV shows such as "Melrose Place" and "Viking Quest" but now is an out-of-work actor that seems to find one way or another to ruin any chance he has for a comeback.

Turtle, played by Jerry Ferrara, seems to wish to spend his existence in an altered state of mind, playing video games and scheming for girls, but a new career may have just fallen into his lap.

Vince's best friend Eric (or E), played by Kevin Connolly, is here to look out for Vince's best interest and keep his career on the rising side of the bell curve. E's involvement in Vince's career would only naturally lead to his role as Vince's manager. Ari, played by Jeremy Piven, is Vince's agent. He is constantly tipping the scales between friend and foe, and he and E are always one step from a fist fight. But it is evident that Ari only wants to protect his client, and all disputes are ended by "hugging it out."

The show is steeped in celebrity cameos from Val Kilmer to James Cameron to Mandy Moore. The

ensemble cast and celebrity cameos keep you laughing and guessing what's going to happen next from start to finish.

The show, currently in its second season, spent the first season with Vince coming off a major Hollywood role and then deciding to star in an independent film for Sundance.

He is constantly trying to keep his career on track, while E tries to find the best role for Vince, all while Ari tries to keep their pockets full.

The second season brings Vince a major Hollywood blockbuster with the role of Aquaman, directed by James

Cameron.

The plot of the show, which simply tells of a star and his posse as they gallivant around the hills of Hollywood with the world on their own silver platter, is truly brought to life by the outstanding acting.

These actors make unbelievable scenarios plausible, which adds

to the humor and success of the show.

"Entourage" has proven to be one of the smash hits of the summer line-up.

Although the plot focuses on Vince as the main character, this show exhibits more of a montage of supporting roles as all the characters seem to equally maintain the plot and flow of the storyline.

Jeremy Piven, who can be seen in works such as "PCU" and "Old School," was recently honored for his superb portrayal of Ari with a nomination for a 2005 Primetime Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series.

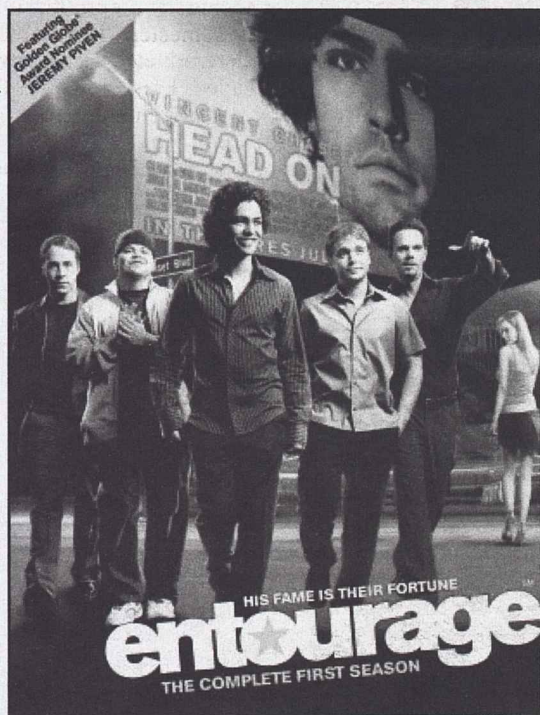
"Entourage" was also nominated for two other Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Casting for a Comedy Series and Outstanding Directing for a Comedy Series.

"Entourage," which plays on Sundays at 10 p.m., will be airing the last show of the season on September 4.

I know many of you may be thinking that because you don't have HBO you're just out of luck, but I have good news. The first season of "Entourage" is currently out on DVD and can be purchased at many of your neighborhood electronic stores.

"Entourage" has also been picked up for a third season scheduled to start sometime next year.

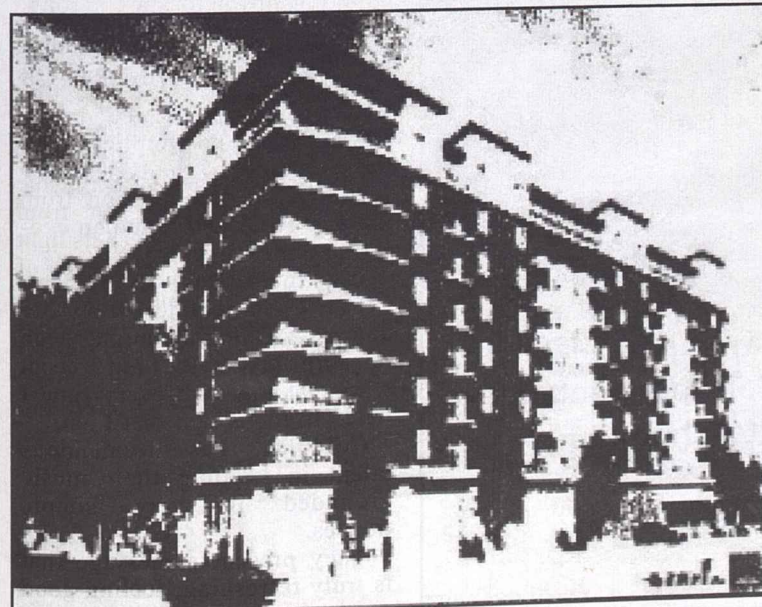
Also noteworthy is that Mark Wahlberg is an executive producer of "Entourage," and the series is rumored to be based on his own experiences when he came to Hollywood and brought his best friends with him.



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Off-campus living improved through basic knowledge

ADAM STEINBERG
TimeOut Layout Editor

Living off-campus for the first time can be an eye-opening experience, as you can no longer just walk to Harcombe for dinner or to Redfern when you get pink eye.

Luckily, The Tiger is here to give a helping hand for those whom have just moved into their first off-campus apartment or house.

For your grocery needs, BiLo on Hwy. 93 is where all the cool kids go and is probably the best bet for grocery shopping. Make sure to ask for ten percent off your purchases on Thursdays. The store can be found by taking Hwy. 93 towards Central, and it is just past the Hwy. 123 intersection on the left.

There is also an Ingles located close to The Reserve on Hwy. 93, but let's just say its appearance is less than inviting, although they are currently building a whole new grocery store this year.

Quick grocery shopping can be done at the TigerMart located at the Hwy. 93 and 76 intersection.

For car maintenance, Clemson Automotive is a good place to start. The car shop is located on Hwy. 76 between Rockhopper's and Monterrey's.

When the unforeseeable happens and emergency medical attention is required, Oconee Memorial Hospital is the closest emergency room and is open 24 hours a day. To get to the hospital, take Hwy. 123 towards Seneca and turn right on Hospital Drive.

In case you ever want to mail a package or purchase a money order, The United States Post Office is the place for you. The post office is located on College Avenue between the Kangaroo Mart and Eckerd's.

For any other needs, Central has a — gasp — Wal-Mart! That's right, everyday low prices have finally come to Clemson.

Wal-Mart is the place for any merchandise needs, and the store even sells groceries — now that's truly one-stop shopping.

The store is located just outside Clemson and can be found by driving on Hwy. 123 towards Greenville and taking the

Coldplay heats up airwaves with newest album "X&Y"



X&Y
Coldplay
RELEASE: Out Now

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Staff Writer

While the world eagerly awaited their newest creation, Coldplay teased the crazed fans with extended release deadlines.

Though this piqued curiosity about the new material, the band remained mysterious when asked about the album.

Lead singer Chris Martin only sprinkled personal comments about how he felt they were doing with their latest work: "We are redefining music. The new album tops the others ... This is the best material we have come up with yet."

With the first release date set for March 27, 2005, then pushed back to June 7, anxious fans were on the brink of inner turmoil.

On top of that, while the last two albums had emerged within two years of each other, "X&Y" took nearly three years to hatch.

Critics were quick to judge the

band's efforts and have shrink-wrapped them into the category of a U2-ish rock ballad band.

This seems a bit too critical, considering that this is only their third album.

First of all, "Parachutes" was an unbelievable album, especially for a beginning.

It seemed almost impossible for a follow-up album to recreate the quality and feeling that "Parachutes" emitted so seamlessly.

However, "A Rush of Blood To The Head" came through with full force and with quite a few fundamental messages attached — one being fair trade.

The next thing you know, you have a serious, popular album on your hands, and the whole world knows about you.

It is necessary to note that this

is pretty rare.

It was hard to wait so long for the third album, but one was reminded not to be impatient. This is their art, and it's about their personal experiences and thoughts.

An artist can't just churn out "fluff" that's pointless to them, because it must mean something and have significance.

This is what is important for listeners to remember when a new album comes out.

Since it is their music and their form of art, why should they put out anything before they can understand it themselves?

For this reason, we should be open-minded when hearing "X&Y."

It's different from the previous albums but just as worthy.

The entire album overall is strong and undeniably plucks the emotional strings of the soul.

However, there are a few weaker tracks — "Low," "White Shadows" and "Swallowed In the Sea."

All these tracks seem to lack a certain spirit that the others capture so well, making them the lower points of the album.

On the stronger side, "Fix You" encompasses a new sound for Coldplay, and using the full vocals of all the band members created a different though refreshing change from only Chris Martin's voice wailing out the chorus.

Other strong tracks include "What If" and "A Message."

"What If" certainly challenges Martin's amazing falsetto abilities in the chorus:

"You and me are floating on a title wave together / You and me are floating into outer space together."

In "A Message," Martin seems to be singing about his love for his wife, Gwyneth Paltrow, and explaining how he feels:

"I'm nothing on my own / My song is love / My song is love unknown / And I'm on fire for you clearly / You don't have to be alone."

The majority of the songs on "X&Y" are amazing, with catchy riffs and melodic ups and downs.

I found after the second time of listening to the album all the way through that there was a secret treasure at the end: a hidden track.

After the last song ends, there are a few moments of silence before you hear Martin's voice counting down to start a song, accompanied with an acoustic guitar.

To me, this is one of the most likeable songs of the entire album, given its simplicity and the sweetness of the lyrics.

"X&Y" is an evolution from the past two albums and an evolution within itself.

It's interesting to remember how vulnerable artists are and how Coldplay might even be surprised with their recent work. I know that every time I listen to the album that I am.

Coldplay has tremendous talent in keeping their music grounded in very simple themes.

They present a message that is truly refreshing; feeling good can be just that.



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Rowling still reigns



HARRY POTTER and THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE
J.K. Rowling
RELEASE: Out Now

RENY NUNES
Staff Writer

For the past several years, author J.K. Rowling has been captivating our minds and ensnaring our senses as she continues to deliver one brilliant novel after another. This past summer, the world-renowned author has brought loyal readers her latest installment in the series, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

In "Half-Blood Prince," Harry and his friends begin another exciting year at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Even though the entire wizarding community is fearful of an attack by the evil wizard Lord Voldemort, the students of Hogwarts are more worried about other things. Harry not only has to deal with a year of school without his godfather, Sirius Black, but also a year in which he finds himself with a new defense against the Dark Arts professor, a new Potions professor and strong emotional feelings towards an unexpected certain someone.

The book returns all of fans' favorite characters, including Harry's two best friends, Ron and Hermione. However, Harry's friends aren't the only members of the returning cast. Harry's bitter enemy Draco Malfoy also returns in this book and rekindles a rivalry with Harry that seems to get fiercer with each passing year.

Throughout the book, Harry is given help in the form of a Potions book that once belonged to someone called "The Half-Blood Prince." While Harry is quite excited about the suggestions that the "Prince" has to offer, Hermione does not share in his enthusiasm. Regardless, Harry begins to excel in Potions class like he had never done before, though possibly

because the malicious Professor Snape no longer teaches the class.

In this novel, Rowling truly captivates the emotions that take place in the mind of a teenager during adolescence. Adults reading the novel will reminisce about their own teenage years and be able to relate to what the characters are going through.

Following up on "The Order of the Phoenix" was no small task, but Rowling manages to do so brilliantly, arguably bringing us her finest work yet.

Even though the general demeanor in the book is dark, Rowling still manages to depict the everyday lives of the students of Hogwarts brilliantly. The characters fall in and out of love and worry about competing against one another for not only Quidditch, but for love interests as well.

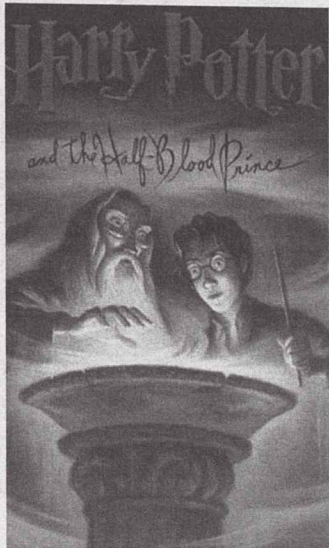
The ending is arguably one of the best and saddest endings for

any story ever created — but don't worry folks — I won't ruin it for you. Let's just say the ending would make even the most stone-cold face soften a bit. Other than providing us with a very well-developed plot and storyline, Rowling also sends us on a journey filled with twists and turns to the point that you are left guessing as to what might happen next.

The bottom line is that if you haven't read this book yet, you should put it near the top of your priority list. If you haven't read ANY of the Harry Potter books, then what are you waiting for? The Harry Potter series has ceased to be a collection of children's books and has evolved into a series of books for all ages.

J.K. Rowling has done a magnificent job this time around, adding a dark element to this world of fantasy and magic, and I'm sure many readers will find it hard to put down once they've begun reading it.

This book is nothing short of brilliant, and like its predecessors, it will be talked about for many years to come.



"Cave" entraps viewers in bland characterizations



THE CAVE
Screen Gems
RELEASE: Out Now

JAY KYSER
Staff Writer

If I had only one sentence in which to sum up "The Cave," it would be the following: "The Cave" is the stereotypical ridiculous attractive-people-go-to-a-previously-unexplored-and-out-of-the-way-location-where-they-encounter-a-horrible-man-eating-monster/beast-that-consumes-everyone-in-the-group-starting-with-the-least-attractive-group-members film.

I saw this movie with a friend who was bored and decided to come with me at the last minute. She was completely unaware of the story's plotline or the basic premise of the film. Ten minutes in, she turns to me and says, "I think I've seen this before... is this a re-release of one of the old 'Alien' movies?"

The designers of the movie monster apparently ran out of ideas and decided to give the monster from "Alien" a pair of demon wings and some steroids. Oh, hold me, please. Really, I am just so terrified.

I have expressed that I am, by no means, a huge fan of this movie. So please bear with me as I laughingly list the hilarities and movie stereotypes that run rampant throughout "The Cave."

First of all, the cast of characters are so precise in their variety of nationalities that the film achieves new levels of absurdity. The casting director must have said to him/herself, "Man, it sure would be great if this movie could be as ridiculously politically correct as possible. We should represent as many nationalities as we can so that our bad movie will somehow appeal to everyone!"

There's the Asian camera guy and the know-it-all, sort of ugly guy that operates the advanced technology the crew uses. And of course, what movie in this genre would be complete without the hot British scientist who catches the interest of multiple crew members? The crew, as expected, consists of several well-muscled, 20-something Caucasian studs who spend the majority of the movie wearing wife-beaters and serving as eye candy. An older scientist-type gentleman and an adrenaline-craving hot blonde rebel girl who says "sick" and "gnarly" also grace the screen for half the film. Rounding out the cast is the token African-American guy who spends the majority of the film in amazement of the idiocy of his crewmates.

Moving along, I'd like to know why people in movies lack any trace of common sense. Seriously, think about it. Around the entrance to the cave, you find old relics depicting people fighting horrible monsters and losing. Do you still decide that it's a good idea to journey into said cave? There is a scary, tittering noise com-

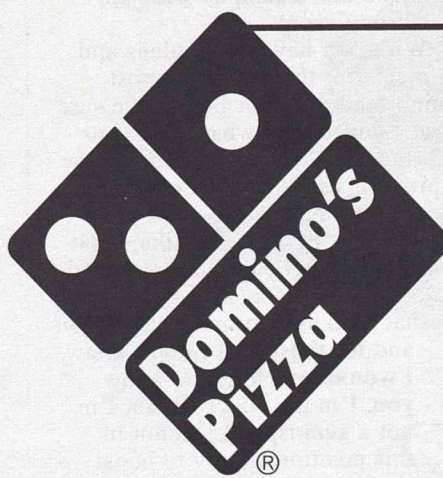
ing from the dark cave that contains some sort of monster that has already eaten one of your companions. Do you go investigate it? You're journeying into an unexplored cave that will involve swimming through miles of water and rock climbing. Does it really make sense to tell the land crew that you'll be gone for 12 days and then only take supplies to last you 12 days? It's absolutely, 100% ridiculous.

Now, I am aware that I've spent the majority of the article laughing at this supposed horror movie. In the film's defense, the core concept of the movie is scary. Watching the characters crawl through dark spaces made me uneasy. Also, the cinematography of the film isn't anything to be ashamed about. Interesting camera angles and dazzling cave settings made for some very surreal though beautiful imagery throughout the film. Despite the fact that the film was aesthetically pleasing, it was not worth the \$7.50 I had to pay to see it. Wait until it comes out on DVD, and watch it after a bad day. You'll end up laughing yourself into a better mood.



WHO'S UP FOR SOME SPELUNKING?: The recent horror film, "The Cave," proves enticing for these three stereotypical characters.

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Do you know your student government officers?

[EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW]

As the new school year begins, we at The Tiger thought it would be important to introduce to you two individuals who are working hard to make your Clemson experience the best possible. So I sat down separately with Student Body President Katy Bayless and Student Body Vice President Stephen Gosnell to get to know them better.

Katy, what made you come to Clemson?

Well, partly my parents were an influence. I needed to stay in state because if I went out of state I would have had to get a huge scholarship, and of in state schools, Clemson was by far the best.

Do you have any Clemson stories?

Okay, this is just a little story, but I remember for one class I needed a simple, four-function calculator for our first test. I didn't have one, so I started wandering around the library asking friends if I could borrow one. I asked one friend on the stairs if he had one and this other guy overheard and he said, "Oh ya, I have an extra one." I said, "Oh my gosh, can I borrow it and bring it right back you?" He said, "Oh, just take it." I had never even met this guy before. I think that just symbolizes the great family spirit here at Clemson.

What got you interested in student government?

Well, to start with, I wasn't involved with student government at all during high school. But, you know, they say college is a fresh start. Someone told me about Freshman Council and I thought,

might as well go out for it.

It's a big step from Freshman Council to Student Body President. What made you decide to run for President?

Well, there were so many projects that I had started as Vice President that I wanted to see through. And you really can't step back and just be part of someone's cabinet once you're at that level. It would be like you're there constantly looking over the shoulder of the president and vice president. So it was either run for President, or step out of it completely. But I didn't run for Vice President thinking I would then run for President.

You've had the chance to interact with lots of other student governments from around the country. How does Clemson stack up?

I think we definitely have a better rapport with our administration. Our administration really does want what's best for the student body. I'm not sure that's the case at every school.

How does President Barker fit into that equation?

I think President Barker does a great job of trying to gauge the pulse of the student body. But that goes both ways. The students need to help make their opinions known.

What is the biggest challenge facing Clemson this year?

Our biggest challenge is to figure out how are we going to move up academically without losing what makes us special. Clearly, the culture of Clemson is changing. So how

do we change that culture without losing the traditions that we've had for all these years? It's a fine line to walk and we have to be careful as we progress.

How can CUSG or the student body help?

The biggest way is by communicating better. For example, add a money talk to freshman orientation. Say, "Here's what we think your tuition might look like two years from now given inflation and increases tuitions." It's not perfect, but it can give students a much better idea of what they're getting into. Many of the people who teach here and run the University have been here for ten or twenty years, so they tend to change slowly. But the students are here for such a short time that things have to change quickly to benefit them. So communication is really crucial.

Okay, on to Stephen. Where are you from?

I grew up in Landrum, SC, a small town south of here. It doesn't really matter because no one really knows where it is. I was born there, raised there and still live there.

So what brought you to Clemson?

I told a lot of people that at first Clemson was probably my last choice for a school. But when I finally visited here and really paid attention to the school I just fell in love with the people and the atmosphere. There's so many opportunities. I can do research, I can be involved in student government and I can be involved in Campus Crusade. There's

just tons of stuff you can do if you really get involved. I don't know if a big university can do the same.

Did you know about all that before you came here?

I knew Clemson was a good place, but when I arrived, I realized people were really happy to be here. You go to other colleges and you often find a pretty large minority of people who are really apathetic about college or just don't want to be there. At Clemson, overall, you have people who are excited about what they do. They like the place and I think that's contagious. I think visitors see it and freshmen see it when they walk on campus and have a hundred people helping them move in. I think that's our strongest point. We have a real student based atmosphere; the students own this place. They don't just go to Clemson for four years and forget about it.

Okay, so what got you interested in student government?

Like a thousand other people, I did it in high school. It was a little different for me, though. I went to a residential high school, so I think I saw a little more potential in it than other people did. The problems weren't just what the spring dance was going to be, it was about laundry and the cafeteria. I got to see how student government works and how it reacts to people. I started out in Senate and now I get to work on bigger ideas with people who are really passionate about them. It's good to see now that I'm making a difference. That's what's cool about the job fair. It's actually

happening; student government actually does this stuff.

Tell us more about this job fair.

One of the things we've heard from a lot of people is they wanted to stay at Clemson but needed jobs to make some money. That was a way student government could really help them. So what we've done is set up a two-week virtual fair online and a one day physical fair - it's only for part-time jobs. It's going to be one day, Wednesday, Sept. 7. We're going to set up in the Union. I think it's a great way that student government can help out students in a real way. I mean, everyone needs money.

You campaigned on a "Return to Service." What's it all about?

I want student government to be about service to students. Sometimes we come up with good ideas, but we need to make sure that the main purpose is helping the students. It's not a resume builder, it's not something to do to say, "Hey, I'm Student Body Vice President at Clemson." I want students on campus to know that if they have a problem, no matter what it is, the first place they can come is student government. I want them to know there are open doors here, that we'll listen. We're not another social club on campus, we're here to help them out.

Anything else you'd like to add?

Tell people to come by, I'd love to see them.

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Just an ordinary person with an extraordinary opportunity

The number one question that I get when I meet people around campus is, "What do you do as Student Body President?" Generally when I get this question my answer depends on my mood, but it can go two ways. Either I can give them a general student handbook answer like, "the Student Body President acts to serve as the liaison between the students and the administration" or I can paint them a picture of what my daily life has become.

On a typical day I wake up around 6:30 a.m. or 7:00 a.m., I go to a meeting, attend a couple of classes, eat, block out an hour of my day to answer emails, go to another meeting or two, try to fit in a jog, eat, take another 30 minutes to answer emails, study, and then if I have the energy I will try to spend some quality time with friends who keep me sane before I crash into bed. Before I know it my alarm clock is going off again and I'm asking myself why do I do this? Well, I do it because I love this place and I love the people that go to this university. Over my three years here at Clemson I could probably count on one hand the amount of people I have met that I didn't like. That thought alone gets me excited about my position every day.

I am thrilled to tell you what CUSG has been up to this summer to help make this year the best it has ever been! First of all Student Government is working hard to make sure that student concerns about rising tuition and differential tuition are clearly communicated to the administration.

Also, we are currently compiling a book of personal stories that will be delivered to our legislators in attempt to convey the effect of statewide budget cuts on Clemson students. In order to make sure that you can voice your opinions to Student Government, we are currently developing what I like to call a "Hit List

Squad" to make sure that your problems are resolved on campus. In addition, I am ecstatic to announce that the very first Dance Marathon, benefiting the Children's Miracle Network, will take place this spring, and we hope to make this a campus-wide philanthropy event.

While we have many plans and projects for this year, my most important endeavor is to make sure that I understand what is on your mind - after all, the position you have given me is all about improving your Clemson experience. This year we will be trying hard to enter your comfort zones and find out what you like, what you want, and what you feel could be improved upon in Clemson. I hope that most people who know me think that I am an approachable person

and for those that I don't know, I would love to get to know you. I'm not superhuman, I'm not a genius, and I'm not in this position simply to boost my resume (trust me; you cannot do this job unless it is your passion). I am, however, a student just like you, I get parking tickets, I have flaws, and I get the most out of the little things in life. So stop by the office, stop me downtown on a Thursday night (I'm legal), or stop me in BiLo. You elected me, I work for you, and I feel so blessed to be in this position.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the little things that make this place so special. Take advantage of the friendly faces, the orange and purple sunsets, and the lifetime opportunities. This is the best place on earth and I plan to soak up as much of it as possible my last year here!

Thank you for putting your trust in me this year. I promise to do my very best and I'll keep on thinking about each of you every morning when my alarm clock goes off!

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KATY BAYLESS
Student Body President

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My plant says hello

As I walked back on to Clemson's campus last week, I was welcomed back with the normal events: the strain of unloading a houseful of stuff into a university apartment, the fun of buying hundreds of dollars of books, the bustle of every organization's welcome back events, and the joy of the first day of 8 o'clocks. Along the way, I also got to help move a few freshmen in and welcome them to one of the most important places in my life: my home, Clemson.

Welcome. To new students, welcome to a place I hope you quickly grow to love, where you meet new friends that will last forever, and where you truly find yourself. By the way, good luck picking a major. It took me three tries. To those who are returning, welcome home, back to the place where your memories from the past few years reside. I'm privileged to say that this year, along with the fun of football games, rigors of class, and time with my friends, I also have the privilege of helping you make this place, this Clemson, somewhere you truly want to be. Following what was a 3 week period last spring of speaking, bringing forth ideas, and making promises to do my best to let student government serve you, I now have the chance to carry through on those promises, as well as looking for new ways to make Clemson about the students.

On that note there are several exciting things going on already. Student government is heading up a venture with the Michelin Career Center to help students find part time jobs for their stay here. I've also been working with a group to help organizations on campus with their fundraising efforts, and getting ready to start a new initiative to

unite the service groups in campus-wide efforts such as food and clothing drives.

However, more than the meetings I now attend or the ideas I have, the thing I'm most excited about is the chance to open Student Government



STEPHEN GOSNELL
Student Body Vice President

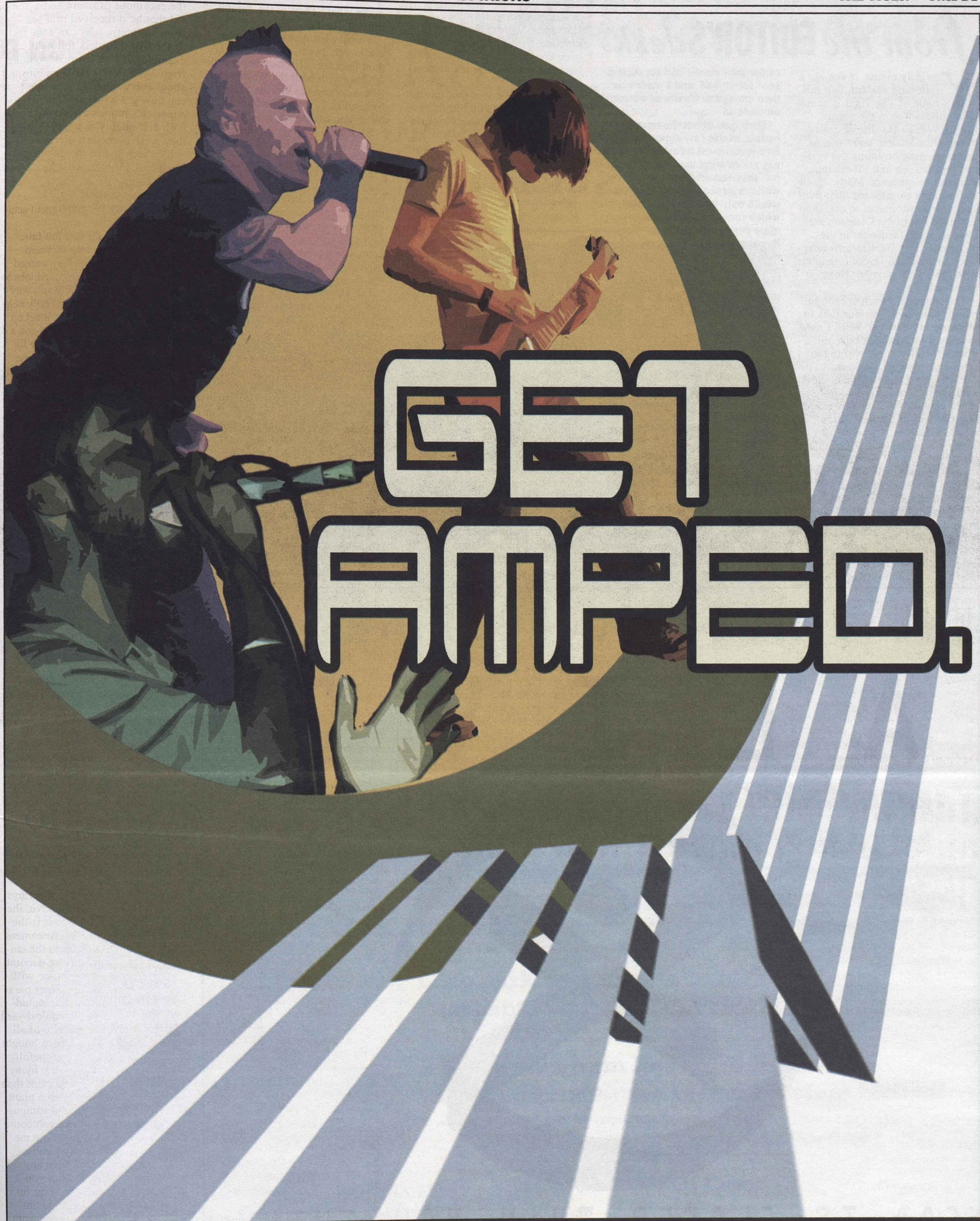
back up to the students. I've decorated my office with various Tiger paraphernalia, including the coolest yard sale picture of all time. I even bought a plant. Hopefully

a lot of you will actually stop by to see it. However, more important than me trying to entice you with a plant, I'm setting up times around campus where student government can come to you. Look forward to seeing me with the dorky CUSG sign in the dining halls and other places around campus. I want to hear what you want student government to do for you, and your questions and comments about campus. We are meant to be your link to the administration, your voice on important councils, and your first stop to getting stuff done on campus. However, before we can do any of that, we have to have your opinion and views.

That's what I'm looking forward to for the year I serve as your vice president. Sharing a year of football games, exams, a Christmas, hopefully a bowl game, and a beautiful Carolina spring with you. I hope to get to know as many of you as possible, and I want you to get to know student government as the group on campus who looks out for your needs. So call me. Email me. Facebook me. Come by the office.

The plant and I would love to see you.

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from the EDITOR'S desk

You may notice, if you are a returning student, that this issue of The Tiger is somewhat different than the normal layout. We felt that the best way to serve the student body was to create an issue outlining the various services, on and off-campus, available to students. Many of our staff writers contributed their own suggestions for places to eat, shop and have fun in the Clemson area. Give us some feedback; in the meantime, The Tiger returns next week to a normal layout (complete with crossword puzzle). Now, on to the column!

This summer, I earned enough money among my various jobs to purchase my first car. Well, I used to drive a Volkswagen bus, but it wasn't really mine. Not in the sense that my new Volvo is.

Each time I had trouble at work with grumpy customers or my sauce wouldn't thicken (I worked in a kitchen) or the heat index was 115 degrees (I worked an outdoor ecology job) or I couldn't get a story to fit (I worked for the newspaper) or I hadn't seen the cats in a week (I house-sat), I had to imagine that it was another windshield wiper, door lock or brake pad on whatever car I would end up buying.

It actually worked, too — I ended up being motivated enough to grit my teeth through the ordeal

of the day, since I had set such a goal for myself, and I made more than enough to finally buy a car, no trade-in.

Then, just about the time I bought Lizzie (my super-awesome five-speed brick of a Volvo), the gas prices went up. (Actually, for me, they stayed the same for a while. You see, the Volkswagen would only take Premium fuel, which runs about 20 cents more per gallon than Regular fuel. So, mid-summer, it cost about \$2.50 to put a gallon of gas in the bus. It now costs \$3.00 to put a gallon in Lizzie, who takes normal fuel. Go figure.)

I got a letter from Clemson saying tuition was rising.

I got a letter from parking services saying it really was time to pay my final two outstanding parking tickets, on-the-double-if-you-please.

I fronted the money for some Tiger employees to go to a national convention in Washington, D.C.

All of a sudden, it seemed like the world was arrayed against me, trying to make me penniless by August. Then I got to thinking, isn't that the normal college attitude? Me vs. the Man and the Rest of the World?

Well yeah, no surprise there.

I've heard people cursing George

W. Bush, George Bush Sr., Hurricane Katrina, America's practice of aborting fetuses and even the "liberal media" as holding responsibility for the current oil crisis.

I think it's obvious that the current War in Iraq is directly responsible for the depletion of at least some reserves. I mean, we've all seen the rigs burning on the news. This is one economic crisis that I don't think the Republican Party can blame on Clinton.

(Not five minutes after writing

this, I actually did hear that it was Clinton's fault. The speed of modern media never ceases to amaze me.)

That said, I have discovered yet another threat to our livelihood as Clemson students.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have decided that the University of South Carolina should find a new mascot, as the current "Gamecock" promotes cockfighting.

Really? With that type of logic, I'd have thought that the religious right would have already reamed the Demon Deacons and the Blue Devils.

Back to the Gamecocks, and that absurd claim. Gamecocks are an actual animal, native to India. They look exactly like Cocky, and

guess what? They're the natural prey of Tigers.

Think what would happen to our sweet, sweet, rivalry if PETA won the case? (I remember a similar case with both the Washington Redskins and the Florida State Seminoles ... both of whom still have their mascots.)

So what's a person to do, caught in the middle of all these extremes?

On one side we have the PETA crowd saying that a hundred-odd years of football rivalry is cruel to God's creatures, and on the other side we have the guy who says that God is punishing the United States with high gas prices because we allow abortion to continue.

I don't know how the rest of the world, where tigers and gamecocks actually exist, seems to escape such judgment.

Other countries even have higher gas prices. (I wonder how their abortion rates compare to ours...)

Maybe I'm wrong in thinking that both of these views are outside the realm of reasonable thought, but neither seems correct to me.

Maybe our leaders just need to grow up.

There's so much political maneuvering these days, all they seem to care about is saving face. It's at the point now that I'm sure we'll never know our president's real reasons for going to war, unless he came out and told us.

Clinton finally succumbed to

the enormous pressure and admitted that he'd received oral sex from an intern, why can't the rest of the world leaders follow his example? If I've learned anything from MTV, VH1, HBO and just about every other TV channel I can now get with cable, it's that America's morals are not near so high and mighty as we pretended they were in the last election.

I've seen worse things on broadcast TV than what he admitted to doing.

Don't we deserve the truth when it comes to matters of real importance?

Can't Chirac give us a straight answer as to why he was reluctant to go to war with us?

Where IS the beef?

Can't Bush tell us what was so important in Iraq that we had to go over there? (It obviously isn't WMD's...)

What really is in the steam tunnels under Clemson?

On top of that, why is New York Times reporter Judith Miller in the same prison as Zacarias Moussaoui?

Who actually listens to PETA?

What did we really know before September 11?

Perhaps if we knew the whole story, we wouldn't have to rely on crackpot theories, and maybe we could work out this whole oil problem.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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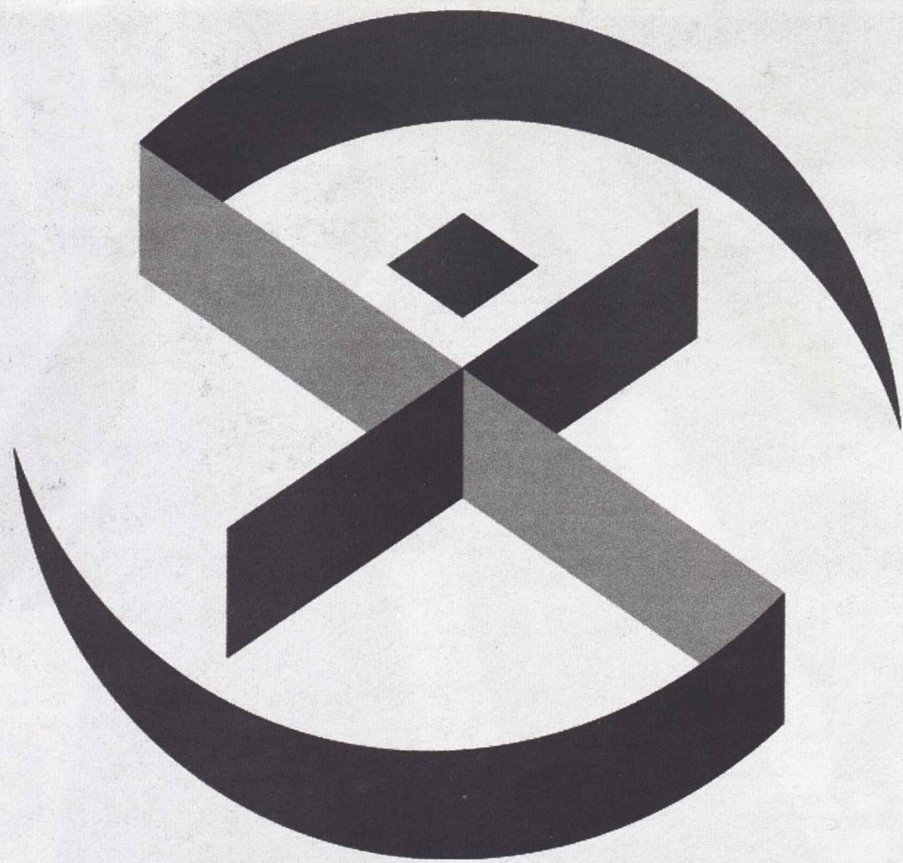
There are many great students studying in American universities, however, no other university has Clemson students. No other university has a group of students who are more talented, more academically prepared, more loyal and more committed to their school and their education than we have here in this beautiful place. Further, no university president is more proud of his students than I. Marcia and I live here on the campus with you. We see you everyday as you and your faculty find the best in each of you. I believe there is greatness, genuine greatness, in each of our students. With the help of your faculty and staff and working in this distinctive place, we will help you find this greatness. We are off to our best start ever. It is going to be an historic year at Clemson. GO TIGERS!

James F. Barker, FAIA

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Sunday 11:00am

Greetings from beyond the grave: Recent graduate reflects on work and school

Tony Bennett may have left his heart in San Francisco, but I left my toothbrush in Clemson. And my camera. And my snowboard for a while. Oh, and a few great friends.

The good thing is, at an hour and a half away, Clemson and those friends and all those things I've forgotten there are a whole lot closer for me than the West Coast. Even though I've graduated, I'm able to keep my Clemson experience keeping on.

Since May, I've been off playing reporter for a community paper in the mountains of Western North Carolina, immersing myself in the small-town body politic. There's not a whole lot to do here in this rather sleepy vacation town, so I've been coming back to Clemson for occasional weekends.

Actually, there's a lengthwise

dent in a certain couch at 104 Kelly Drive that tells the story of just how occasional those weekend visits have been, but hey, who's counting?

I have to admit: It's a little weird for me now that everyone

back in Clemson is going to class again and I'm still having to trudge through the working week. Sure, I really like my job, and sure, it's nice to have some real money for a change, but there's still a big part of me that's jealous of everyone.

Crazily enough, I miss going to class. I don't miss the homework or the one-sided, boring lectures, but I do miss having someone tell me something new and interesting every day. Once you graduate, those times when someone says something that completely blows

your mind are few and far between. Well, there was that time about three hours ago when a gas station clerk up here told me the Civil War didn't exactly turn out the way he would have wanted, but that's not the good kind of mind-blowing I'm talking about.

However, if, as it should, your "Clemson experience" includes a lot of good classes, a lot of good books and a lot of good friends, you get to keep it going long after you leave.

So, welcome back to school, everybody. Here's my advice to you from beyond the grave.

Remember to make the most of every situation at Clemson and build some momentum for when you graduate. The past is always present, so read every page and seize every opportunity. You won't be sorry.

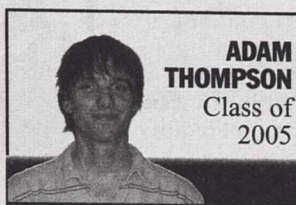
Even when you graduate, you're never that far away — certainly not from the learning experience that

you begin in college and certainly not from the friends and characters that became such vital parts of that experience. Luckily for me, Clemson isn't that far away geographically either, so I can get back and continue living the best parts of college life, whether it's discussing Kafka or having a Kafkaesque experience at some random party.

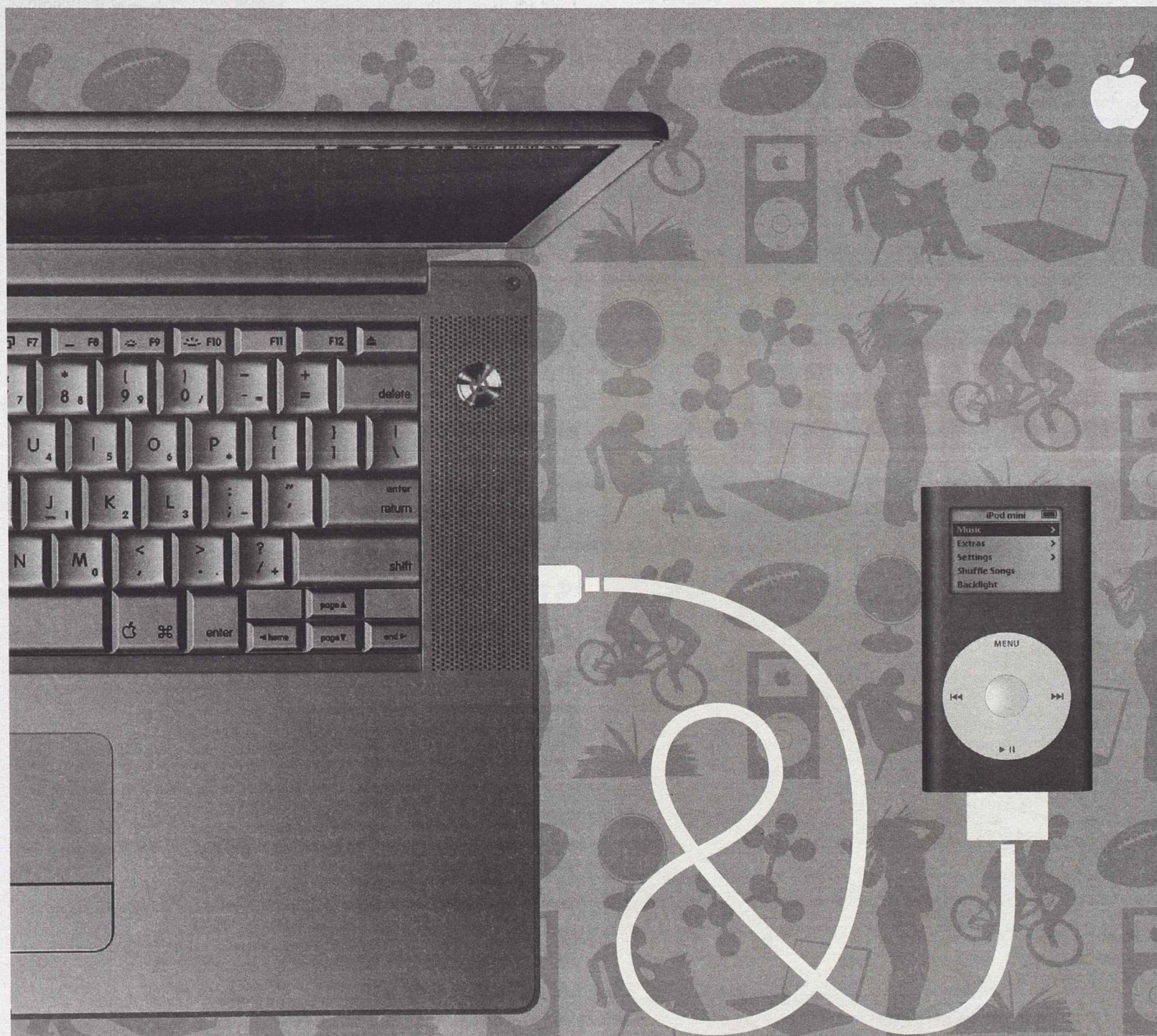
I may currently be wiling away the weeks of my youth and young manhood in a place where the median age is 51, but I know I always have a weekend home away from home.

So, to all my friends back in Tiger Town: Keep your libraries filled and the boat gassed up because I'll be back for my toothbrush.

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The Tiger staff shares embarrassing freshman memories

Freshman year is a wonderful time. You have all sorts of new opportunities and fortunately still enough free time to actually take advantage of them.

These experiences run the gamut from attending one's first football game to run-ins with the friendly neighborhood parking enforcer to dealing with peculiar roommates. They may even include new and exciting social activities.

Unfortunately for you, but to the delight of all your friends, your friends' friends and anyone else within earshot when the stories are told, and be told they will, these new experiences offer the perfect opportunity for you to embarrass yourself.

If there's even the possibility for you to slip, trip, walk into the wrong classroom, imbibe a little too much, lose a crucial piece of clothing or wake up in a room you've never seen before with your pants nowhere to be found, odds are it will happen. So here are our embarrassing freshman year stories, or at least the ones fit to print.

Justin Patterson- "I went to the University of South Carolina."

Brian Eyink- "My roommate showered so infrequently freshman year, that after he would

leave the room my friends refused to hang out in there because the room smelled so bad. I couldn't even bring anyone back to the room, I was so embarrassed."

Ben Shannon- "I went to Daniel for a freshman seminar, and sat down in a class of seventy girls and a handful of other guys. When I sat down the professor asked if he could help me, and I said, 'Is this the freshman seminar?' The girls let out a collective, 'Awww.' The professor said, 'This is nursing sweetheart.' I promptly got up and found my class in another building."

Justin Meissner- "I was trying to go to the physician's office downtown, and I ended up in a gynecologist's office. It was full of girls."

Adam Steinberg- "I went to an Avril Lavigne concert."

Zack Mauldin- "I lived at home with my parents. Enough said."

Josh Fort- "My roommate got drunk and peed on the refrigerator, and I made fun of him for a solid month over it. The next month, I got a bit wasted myself and did the same thing."

Naylor Brownell- "I saw my parents off in front of Clemson House after freshman move-in,

went inside and realized I had locked myself out of my room. I had only been in the room for ten minutes ... I ended up locking myself out so many times that they had to change the lock on my door."

Caroline Stone- "At freshman orientation, my friend and I got lost, ended up behind the stadium and the police station and chatted it up with an officer for the good part of an hour."

Michael Hunley- "I walked in and caught a friend by himself with his pants down."

Laura Stamm- "I fell out of my loft and got a hematoma on my thigh that was at least a foot long."

Dia Zaferopoulos- "On the swimming and diving team, we were so crunched for time that we usually had to 'deck change' - strategically put a towel around yourself and change right there. One time, as I was changing, my towel fell, and I pretty much mooned the swimmers that were still in the pool from the other team."

Kate Sholler- "On the first football game, my car got towed from the Methodist church. Since traffic was so backed up, I had to walk to Central to get my car out of impound. I couldn't go to the game because I had to work."

I got pulled over on the way to the mall where I worked. When I went to my car after work, someone had broken into it and stolen my ticket that I had planned on giving to a friend."

Julie Ledbetter- "I couldn't find a parking space; then I got lost and was late to class. My teacher called me out in front of the whole class. I was incredibly embarrassed."

Jenny Mason- "I fell down the steps at a fraternity party in front of everyone."

Jenna Hamilton- "When I was a freshman, I didn't know that they towed cars out of the pit. They towed my car during the first football game and I didn't go back to the pit for a couple of weeks, so when I finally realized that they towed cars parked there during football games and went to the police station to get it, the fine was a couple hundred dollars."

Carissa Donges- "After the Carolina Cup, I passed out in my bed with a strapless dress. When I got up to go to the bathroom, my top slipped down, and I apparently talked to my RA completely topless."

Brandon Bilinski- "I got caught by the police with a girl in my car at the Botanical Gardens."

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